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BAD TO WORSE.

TERRIBLE CHAOS IN SOUTH CHINA.

BRITISH OBSERVER'S VIEW.

A graphic account of conditions in China was given to a representative of the *Rangoon Times* recently by Sir Percival Phillips, who has returned from the Far East where he acted as the special correspondent for the *Daily Mail*.

Sir Percival, who left Rangoon later for Calcutta, described China's present position as deplorable.

"The whole of South China," he said, "is in a state of utter chaos. The leaders are impotent and selfish. Chiang Kai-shek, despite his exalted name, is a mere showy figure head without any military or administrative ability, and if the new Canton Government is to stand, it must produce a man of outstanding ability."

With regard to Russian influence Sir Percival said that the old Russian movement had failed in so far as it produced a state of affairs in which even Communism could not operate. Now there was a fresh attempt being made to lay the foundations of a Muscovite state in South China. Expert propagandists and other emissaries of Bolshevism were being despatched to Shanghai, Canton and other centres where the anti-foreign boycott movement was again asserting itself.

Shanghai's Plight.

"The plight of Shanghai is pitiable," went on Sir Percival. "The old tyranny was infinitely preferable to the present state of affairs. Merchants and other residents indeed would welcome a return of their old master, who while hard had at least some sense of moderation. He exacted his tribute certainly, but when that was paid he left the inhabitants alone, whereas the present rulers never cease exacting. Then again under the old regime some sort of order was kept; at present confusion of the worst form exists. Rich citizens are kidnapped and held up for ransom; taxes are apportioned without principle and their collection enforced by dire threats; murders are common; corruption is rife and the whole city is restless, uncertain, discontented and smarting under a sense of injustice."

The intensity of the anti-foreign boycott depended, he said, on the degree of dominance of the Russian propagandist. When Chiang Kai-shek for personal rather than national reasons, expelled Mr. Jacob Borodin and those associated with him at Hankow the anti-foreign boycott in general and the anti-British feeling in particular slackened and ultimately ceased altogether. It remains to be seen whether the return to favour of the Muscovites will again raise the barometer of anti-foreign feeling.

"A welter of unscrupulous machinations" was how he described the supposed "Government" at Nanking and Canton. "Indeed there is no government," declared Sir Percival, "and every so-called war lord is a law unto himself."

Strong Man of China.

"The strong man of China is Chang Tso-Lin. He has been successful in his defence of Peking, and has ability and personal power. He is a dictator, of course, but his rule is more or less stable and if his exactions may be heavy they have a limit. In the North the feeling against Britain is moderated where it exists at all."

Conditions in the North, said Sir Percival, were incomparably better than in the South. In Peking there was a government with at least some operative power. Nanking, Hankow and now Canton were mere skeletons, phantom governments. Instancing Chiang Kai-shek's political insincerity Sir Percival said that all the time he was ruling at Nanking he kept a number of Russian advisers, who directed military policy, and to some extent advised administrative measures. As a soldier Chiang Kai-shek was a mere figure head; as an administrator a profound failure. He had a dashing and showy personality which if empty had the quality of captivating the Chinese imagination. Thus he had great popularity. To this circumstance can be traced

SEQUEL TO SHOOTING AFFAIR.

ARRESTED MAN CHARGED THIS MORNING.

FORMALLY REMANDED.

Chu Chi-chin appeared at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, charged with armed robbery at the Mee Sun Cafe, at No. 150 Queen's Road West at 1.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, and, further, with the shooting of Chinese Detective Liu Tung, with intent to kill. There were also a charge of attacking the police with intention to resist and a final charge of being in unlawful possession of a revolver.

The defendant was one of the two men who were arrested after the shooting affray of Wednesday morning in which Sergeant McMahon, two Chinese constables and an Indian were shot and another Chinese constable on search duty at the Yau-mat Wharf was killed outright.

The defendant is of rather thin build, about five feet three inches in height, and he wore an ordinary dark blue Chinese jacket. His right eye appeared to have been recently injured.

The Magistrate enquired how the Chinese detective who was shot by this man was getting on. Inspector Reynolds, C.D.I. replied that the man was making good progress, but was not yet out of danger.

A formal remand of one week was granted.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this morning, we were informed that Sergeant McMahon's condition shows no change and is still critical.

RHINELAND RESENTS OCCUPATION.

A CHAPTER OF COMPLAINTS.

Berlin, Dec. 9. The "grievous oppression" by the troops occupying the Rhineland, forms the subject of a report by Dr. Marx to the Occupied Territories Committee of the Reichstag.

Alluding to the extraordinary damage due to the autumn manoeuvres, also the "numerous excesses" committed by the military forces on the population, the heavy burdens occasioned by the billeting of soldiers, and the considerable number of coloured troops, the report also records a progressive step in that the occupation authorities have assented to the abolition of brothels.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA'S NAVAL POLICY.

NO COMPETITION FROM BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 9. "The Americans, so far as we can make out, are going in for their full naval programme," said Mr. W. C. Bridgman in a speech at Walspool.

He added, "I do not dispute that they are building for their own defence. We have no reason to alter our plans. We do not intend to enter into building competition with any country if we can possibly help it."—*Reuter*.

Beyond Analysis.

Sir Percival Phillips smilingly declined to prognosticate as to China's future. "The man who prophesies about China," he declared, "is sure to be wrong. The public situation is incalculable. Currents of influence cross currents of influence so continuously that the whole position is beyond analysis. There is no solid, definite or coherent movement. There is no controlling figure or group. Experience has shown that the supposed lofty ideals is so much eye-wash. Leaders and people are lacking in loyalty, straight-forwardness, incorruptibility, industry and all that goes to build up a solid and enduring state. When such things will come I do not know. It is a depressing story."

Sir Percival is to spend some time in Calcutta and may shortly return to China.

PANIC ON A SHIP.

AMOY-MANILA TRIP DISASTER.

ENGINE ROOM EXPLOSION.

Horror reigned on board the s.s. *Susana* (II, former Madrigal Steamship Company vessel, for several hours early last Saturday morning, when its high pressure cylinder-heads tore loose and burst through the skylights of the engine room, throwing 600 Chinese passengers into a panic.

The explosion occurred while the *Susana*, on her way from Amoy to Manila with passengers and a light cargo, was passing the *Island Dos Hermanas* off Cape Bolinao, Northern Luzon, at an early hour in the morning.

The *Susana* reached Manila on Sunday at 5.25 p.m., 36 hours behind schedule, her low pressure cylinders operating, with the *S. S. Bittern*, Asiatic Fleet mine-sweeper, serving as a tug. It is estimated that P.30,000 will be required to make the necessary repairs.

Pandemonium on Board.

According to the story told by the officers of the ship, pandemonium broke loose among the Chinese passengers with the crack of the explosion and a panic followed that lasted several hours. Many wanted to jump overboard while others, too frightened to move, clustered together in little groups, evidently believing that their last hour had arrived.

Captain Manuel Roco, the ship's master, succeeded in quieting the Chinese after several hours of effort and the disturbance on deck had no serious results.

The fourth engineer, J. Kuesada, was slightly injured during the explosion and his wounds were treated in Manila.

Immediately after the accident, Captain Roco sent out an S. O. S. call that was picked up by the U. S. S. *Richmond* as well as by the signal tower. The *Richmond* sent a reply, asking Captain Roco if the *Susana* was in immediate danger. He answered that it was not and the *Bittern* was dispatched from Olango at 11 a.m., Saturday. It reached the *Susana* at 9.30 p.m. and the start to Manila was made an hour and a half later. The *Bittern* is commanded by Lt. B. Greenfield.

Engineer's Accomplishment.

The chief engineer, Jose Hernandez, achieved the next to impossible when he cut the high pressure cylinders, started the engine on low pressure cylinders, and aided the *Bittern* on the long journey to Manila. Had it not been for Hernandez's action, the *Susana* would have arrived 12 hours later than it did.

The *Susana* was recently purchased by the Kin Chuan Ho Company from the Madrigal Steamship Company. The latter firm, receiving the S. O. S. dispatched the *Titanic* which met the *Bittern* and the *Susana* after both vessels had got underway. It followed the *Susana* into port.

The *Susana* will probably remain several days in port until the necessary repairs have been made.

LEAGUE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

EXPERTS ON VARIOUS QUESTIONS.

Geneva, Dec. 9. The League of Nations Council has approved of the appointment of the members of the consultative economic committee, the formation of which was decided by the League Assembly on September 24.

The committee will be composed of qualified experts on questions affecting industry, commerce, agriculture, finance, and labour, and includes Mr. Layton Willey and Sir Arthur Fugh representing Britain, and Sir Chatterjee, representing India.

The appointments are for three years.—*Reuter*.

TO-DAY.

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BRITISH SUBSIDY ON SUGAR.

AN INCREASED AMOUNT REQUIRED.

EFFECT BEING QUERIED.

London, Dec. 9. Parliament is to be asked to grant an additional £300,000 for the sugar beet subsidy, in the present financial year, bringing the amount of the subsidy this year to £5,400,000.

A supplementary estimate of the Ministry of Agriculture, published to-day, describes the £300,000 as being required for "Further provision for payment of a subsidy on sugar and molasses manufactured from beet grown in Great Britain."

The explanation of the increase in the subsidy is paid on the amount produced, and there has been an unforeseen increase in production. Counterbalancing the subsidy to some extent, is the excise duty, which at existing rates on sugar and molasses manufactured from beet grown in Great Britain, is estimated to yield this year £1,098,000. The net cost to the Exchequer this year is accordingly estimated at £3,600,000.

The supplementary estimate will be debated in the House of Commons on Wednesday. Members on both sides of the House have been expressing concern as to the effect which the present method of paying the subsidy has had upon refiners of imported raw sugar.—*British Wireless*.

THE PREMIUM BOND SUGGESTION.

CONSERVATIVE MOTION PREPARED.

London, Dec. 9. In regard to the suggestion for premium bonds, upon which Conservative members of Parliament have been circulating, Sir Clement Kinloch Cooke has given notice that he will ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons whether, with a view to assisting the national finances and providing a means of securing money on cheaper terms than has hitherto been found possible, to meet requirements of social reform, to which Parliament is committed, he will consider the possibility of making an issue of investments in premium bonds, and so encourage thrift among a large section of the community which has not hitherto regarded the conditions governing investments as sufficiently attractive, and at the same time to offer further opportunity for all citizens to possess a direct interest in the funds of the State.—*British Wireless*.

BOXER REINSTATED.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR UZCUDUN.

New York, Dec. 9. The Basque prize-fighter, Paulino Uzcudun, who was suspended for his failure to fight Phil Scott, has been reinstated by the New York State Athletic Commission.—*Reuter's American Service*.

The weather forecast for the week-end is N.E. winds, fresh, fine.

STOP PRESS.

CAPT. LALOR WOUNDED.

It is now disclosed in a letter received by the local naval authorities from Captain W. G. Lalor, master of the s.s. *Siang Tan*, that he was wounded in the leg in the course of the attack on his ship. He is now being kept in close confinement on a bandit sampan.

Mr. Tocher has offered to meet the bandits again to-day, but they are demanding increased ransom.

General Yang Ben is co-operating in the search for Captain Lalor, and, in addition to employing a special detective, has instructed General Wang, at Shansi, to assist in finding Lalor.

MERRIE ENGLAND.

AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

PHILHARMONIC ACHIEVEMENT.

There was a fair house to greet the opening performance of "Merrie England" last night, and the unanimous opinion afterwards was that the Hongkong Philharmonic Society has excelled itself, and made an outstanding success of the piece. In the case of most productions by amateurs there is a tendency on the part of the public to be critical beforehand, and when the ambitious project of staging "Merrie England" was announced, there were those who wondered, perhaps, whether the Philharmonic Society was capable of carrying it through to perfection. Much depends, of course, on the excellence of the musical numbers, and these being almost without exception in capable hands, and the staging, settings, orchestra, and general ensemble all that could be desired, the result has been a splendid one, and a credit to all concerned.

The scenery and costumes deserve special mention. The former is outstanding in its effectiveness, and the latter are elaborate and perfect to the point of making one wonder what it must have cost the Society to produce. The staging leaves nothing to be desired, and in many respects excels the efforts of professional shows.

Of the individual performances, all are good, and one or two of surpassing merit. It often happens that some part is so cast, or so taken, that it appears to be the "life" of the piece, and may even be said to hold the performance together. Of such a type is the portrayal of Walter Wilkins, the former in Shakespeare's company, which is taken by Eng. Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Bedells. He is the perfect actor for the role, and easily makes a triumph of it. One can hardly say more.

Of the other principal male parts, the Earl of Essex is played excellently by Mr. H. Glover. His voice suits the part, and his mannerism is just right. He was able to make the most of the role throughout.

The part of Sir Walter Raleigh is taken by Mr. C. D. Lake, and is perhaps the one slightly weak spot in the piece. It requires, one might fancy, a more impressive rendering, both as to appearance and volume of voice. Mr. Lake makes an excellent presentation, but lacks the necessary fitness for the role such as the average person would have it. His singing is, however, tuneful, and in the earlier scenes he makes a lady-in-waiting, Bessie Throckmorton.

Mr. Oscar Eager is very good as Sir William Stanley, another Shakespearean player; and the parts of two burly royal foresters are filled most impressively by Messrs. A. E. Stone and R. Dormer. Mr. G. L. Simmons as the Queen's fool, Mr. M. D. G. Hoare as a lord, and Mr. M. D. Scott as a soldier, fill minor parts very successfully, as do Masters Addison Hargreave and Herbert Moss as royal pages. The four men of Windsor—a butcher, baker, tinker, and tailor—are roles very well acted by Messrs. Percy Hale, D. M. Richards, J. R. Hinton, and H. J. Best, respectively. Mr. A. T. Bates is cast for a brief role of a wine vendor, which he makes the most of.

The Ladies.

Having, not ungraciously but in accordance with the order given in the programme, referred to the sterner sex, one now turns to the ladies. There are several parts in "Merrie England" of importance as feminine roles, and these are without exception capably filled. As the love-making Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. G. Watt is just correctly stately, and the scene where she shows her agitation at discovering Raleigh's "affair" with Bessie, is perfectly rendered. She also possesses the voice for the part.

As Bessie Throckmorton, Mrs. M. Minney is a great success, with the proper mixture of coquettishness and sadness as occasion requires. Her very tuneful singing is alone a worthy contribution to the evening.

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Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

A letter-golf expert finds it easier to go from "Sober" to "Drunk" than from "Drunk" to "Sober." Yes'm, so have we.

Apparently the only steps taken so far against these Chinese bandits is to put a cheque on them.

Vincent Richards has shown Rotarians that he does most who serves best.

"Despite hero-worship," says a contemporary, "Betty still keeps her head." Nutall tennis players are like that.

MacWhirter says the most difficult ascent is getting up a subscription.

Lots of people will be studying geology at Macao on Sunday.

MacWhirter says some of these Christmas bills will be harder to foot than to face.

To-day's motoring hint: Hug of the corners.

Notice in Peak Tram: "No child under 12 years of age is permitted to occupy a seat in this car immediately adjoining any entrance opening directly to the external air." The fact that our children are expected to understand this is perhaps an unconscious tribute to our Education Department!

British aviators collided with two farmers in Poland. This shows how difficult it is to fly over the Poles.

"Talk as if you were at home," said a Shanghai Judge to a woman witness last week. The case is still going on.

A Kowloon houseboy stayed in his last job for a whole week. The police now have him under medical observation.

At a recent meeting of Taipo Urban Council it was stated that the authorities hope to have the water pipes laid over Taipo Bridge by 1st April, 1928. The cattle gratings will, however, be in position at the level crossing on the morning of New Year's Day.

"Enquirer:" The reason why a bagpipe player walks to and fro when performing, is because it is harder to hit him that way.

We regret to announce that the local Radio Society is still suffering from static.

From the *Christian Science Monitor*: "What funny names these Chinese towns in the news have," remarked a man from Shenecady as he read a Poughkeepsie newspaper on his way to meet a friend in Hoboken.

The Aberdonians are sending their empty egg shells to all the broadcasting stations for the purpose of having them relaid.

Last week-end a great many red-breasts were observed at Lowu. This is considered to be a sign of a hard winter.

A headline we may yet live to read: "Hongkong Exports Tea: Lipton Furious."

When there is trouble in the air, it is nice to know that the Argus is a Jason.

This world shortage of tin appearing in a pearl. They more should put Mr. Ford on his mettle, frequently set their hearts on them.

The Agricultural Show was a nineteen carrot success.

Owing to the absence of the of the bulls sent in here are even bookies, there were no bouquets more vicious.

It is rumoured that some of these gay campers at Fanling tried to make a whole night of it, were given the Bird.

Many a one who went to St. Vincent de Paul expecting a motor car, came home with a rocking horse.

It is rumoured that the new Ford cars are "collision-proof," being fitted with Westinghouse highly magnetized cobalt steel which holds cars apart by magnetic repulsion.

"Reader:" A respectable haggis is never over-dressed.

This week's Dewarism: He is a well-trained husband who calls his wife pet names in public.

White ants in the Cathedral roof are better than dry rot in the pulpit.

This week's hint on how to kill an organisation: "Never accept office; it is easier to criticise than to do things."

The following is a direct result of choosing a dry spot for the cañon at Lowu this year: Hoots, toots, mac-jrecks are a mickle sair.

An' aoshu' fa's the dew; But hiemacosh' p'ibroch galr W' Dougal brow an' true. Aft lang w' sporrans skirlin' who has na dooned a deoch. Or bried the hielan' heather spruit. Micmuckle dhu an' och.

When a Chinese general loses face, he surrenders his arms and takes to his heels.

A stray bat from the boltry:—"Will manouring of the tonsils cure cracked voices?"

A Taipo statistician has figured out that there is only one person in the district to every 100,000 mosquitoes, which proves how difficult it is to rear a family in the mosquito world.

Those people who enquired about the salts in the Dead Sea, were given a kruschen rejoinder.

"Volunteer:" We think you will agree that half a loaf is something better than no parade.

1928 will be a leap year for motorists as well as pedestrians.

The most discouraging fact is not that Victoria Gao is overcrowded but that it ought to be more so.

A luxury usually becomes a necessity about the time the other chap's wife has it.

Li Chai-sum has said that he will not visit Canton. As Canton has made the same announcement, that makes it practically unanimous.

If you want to know all about iceless refrigeration, just ask the head of a Government department anything about anything.

According to Dr. Tutt, "Some-times a man is going forward when he seems to be standing still." Tut! Tut! It is then time to go home.

There is an unclaimed letter for Mr. Epstein at the Post Office. This most probably has something to do with the City Hall fountain.

We read of a maiden's soul re-appearing in a pearl. They more should put Mr. Ford on his mettle, frequently set their hearts on them.

We had a picture the other day of a bull killing a matador. Some of the bulls sent in here are even more vicious.

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"Sneezing!"
"Yes—he woke the watchman!"

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ENGINEER'S PAPER.

MR. A HEVEY ON "GAS AND
ITS USE."

At the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong last evening, a paper was read by Mr. A. Hevey on "Gas; Its Distribution and Uses." There was a full attendance of members and friends, the subject matter of the paper being more than usually interesting, in that the lecturer found time to refer to the difficulties of both the commercial and domestic users.

Commencing with the early history of gas, the speaker dwelt on the first recorded attempts to make use of the by-product of coal. "As far as I can trace," he said, "experiments were made as far as the year 1739, by the Rev. Dr. John Clayton, Dean of Killdare, with what he called 'the spirits of coal.'" Between the years 1739 and 1792, many experiments were made, chiefly as the subject of philosophical curiosity and unattended by any useful or practical results and they remained experiments and nothing more.

Birthplace of Gas Lighting.

The birthplace of gas lighting was Redruth, in Cornwall, and the sole merit of its invention and the practical application of coal gas for the purpose of artificial lighting, is due to William Murdoch. Gas lights were used at Redruth in the year 1792 but the first mention of them in Paris, as far as I can trace, was in the year 1802.

After outlining the first attempts to develop gas lighting, Mr. Hevey referred to modern times, when, in the year 1903, the inverted mantle was introduced. In the year 1911 superheated cluster of small mantles, now widely known as the Lyttelton type were introduced, and placed on the market by Messrs. W. Sugr and Co. of London. The conversion of street lamps to this system may be said to have commenced in 1912.

Referring to local developments, the speaker said that high pressure gas would meet all requirements, however varied, from filling a holder, throwing a greater pressure than the one from which it is filled, or the bursting of districts permanently short of pressure due to adequate mains.

Hongkong Apparatus.

He continued that there had recently been installed in Hongkong, a booster for supplying gas into the holders of the Wanchai Gas Storage Station. The gas will be compressed at West Point Gas Works, to an initial pressure of 2½ lbs. per square inch, and delivered through an existing 8 inch main into the gasholders at Wanchai, the pressure thrown by the holders in turn being governed down to the required district pressures by means of station governors.

In so far as the local consumer is concerned, the question of heaters for baths, etc., is paramount and on this point, the speaker had much to say that was of importance. Dealing with the subject of gas-fired hot water apparatus, he said, these are heated either with luminous or bunsen burners. While some manufacturers endeavour to improve their apparatus by fitting bunsen burners, others again swear by the luminous burner. The opinion of the general public and even of gas engineers regarding the advantages of either type are likewise very much divided.

There was a time when the bunsen burner was thought to be preferable for producing heat with gas, and that the luminous burner was entirely unsuitable for this purpose. The bunsen burner was known to produce a hot sootless flame, with which a temperature could be obtained, while the other burner when burning in the open air, gave a luminous flame, but when impinging upon cool surfaces deposits soot.

The luminous burner, therefore, was only used for illumination, while for cooking, water heating

THEFT OF GAS.

ALLEGATION AGAINST COM-
PANY'S CLERK.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court yesterday, A. A. Remedios was charged, on remand, with stealing gas and falsifying accounts in this connection, while employed as a clerk with the Gas Company. He was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Esq.

For the prosecution, Mr. R. A. Wadson said accused had been employed at the Gas Company since 1915, and had access to relevant account books, being solely responsible for the making up and checking of bills sent out to customers in respect of rent of meters and fittings and the amount of gas used. In his own case, accused had a gas light installation, together with a gas cooker, but at the end of October of this year, when the Gas Company decided to replace the meter connected with this installation, it was found that a ten-light meter was being used where, in fact, a five-light meter was recorded in the books. Further, the meter had been tampered with in such a way that it was incapable of registering the amount of gas which passed through it. It was alleged that defendant stole gas, and that in his position with complete access to certain account books dealing with rental of meters and consumption of gas of each customer, he was able to make false entries in respect of his own consumption.

Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Manager of the Gas Company, said that defendant had been in the Company's employ since 1915, and latterly had occupied a responsible position as meter-renter. In this position he had charge of certain important books connected with the consumption of gas and rental of meters and fittings.

Witness proceeded to give expert evidence on the state of the defendant's meter, stating that owing to tampering, it was incapable of registering the amount of gas passing through it. He deposed that it had remained in that condition for two years. The case was adjourned.

STOLEN BLANKETS.

TWO MEDICINE MEN FINED
FOR PAWNING.

Fines of \$50 or one month's hard labour each, were imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon on two Chinese medicine dealers, who were charged with pawning two white woollen blankets without the permission of authority of the owner, Mrs. Cook of No. 4, Bando Building.

The two blankets were stolen from the verandah of Mrs. Cook's house on November 28 and as the result of Police inquiries were recovered from a pawnshop. The defendants were arrested and identified by the accountant of the shop as the persons who had pledged the articles.

The two defendants tried to prove an alibi, stating that they had gone to Un Long to sell medicine on the day of the theft and after visiting the various districts in the New Territories, had gone to Aberdeen and other villages in Hongkong, returning to their residence in Yau-mai on December 2, the day of their arrest.

His Worship accepted the evidence of identification and imposed fines as stated above.

and manufacturing purposes, bunsen burners were almost exclusively employed.

On the conclusion of the lecture various questions were asked relative to points raised and satisfactorily answered by Mr. Hevey, who demonstrated with equipment on the platform.

Mr. Ormiston subsequently proposed a vote of thanks to this speaker which was enthusiastically endorsed by the audience.

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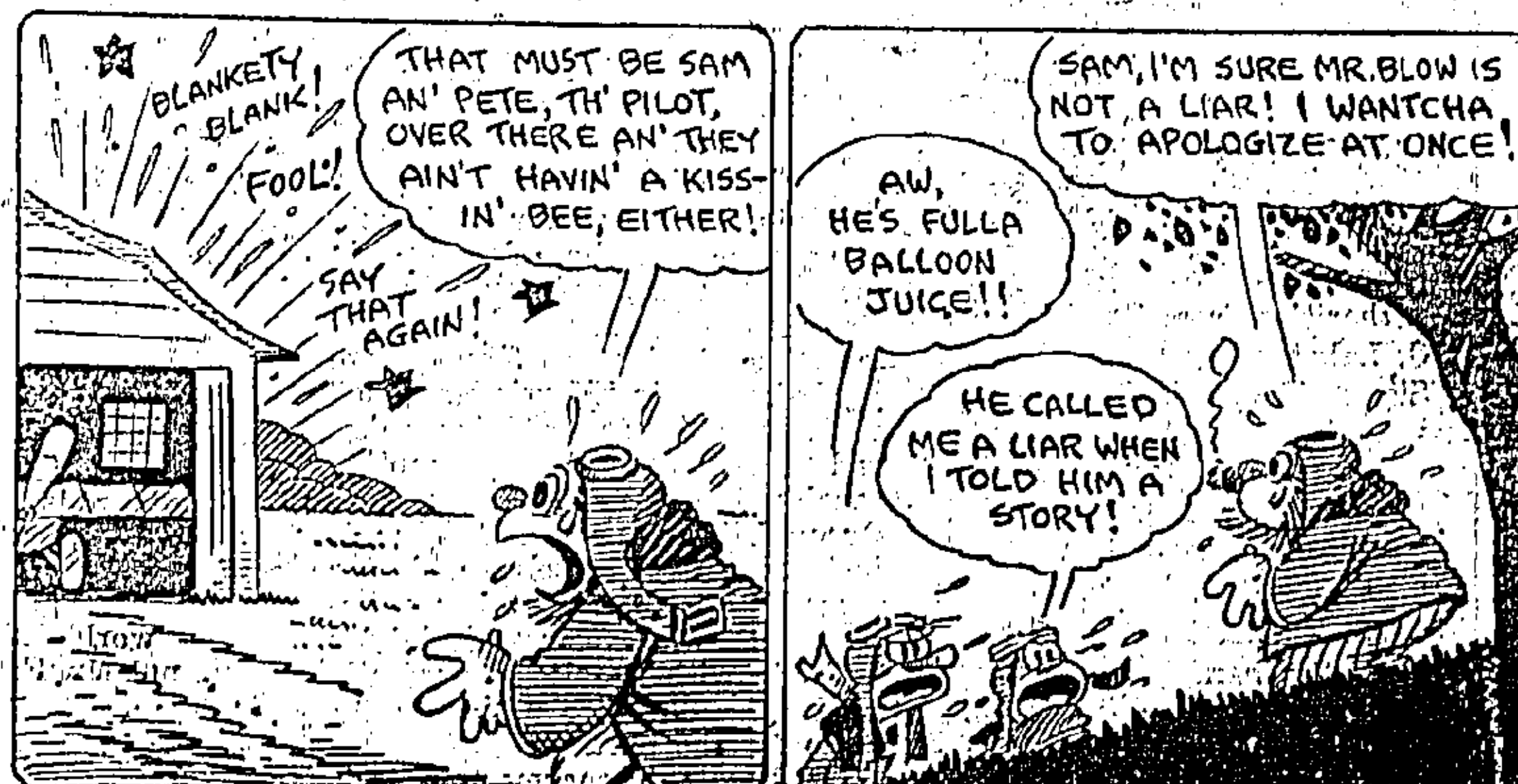
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Kit inspection at the Volunteer camp at Lowu, showing men outside their tents prior to commencing the day's field operations. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



Machine gunners undergoing instruction in paddy fields near the Volunteer camp at Lowu. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



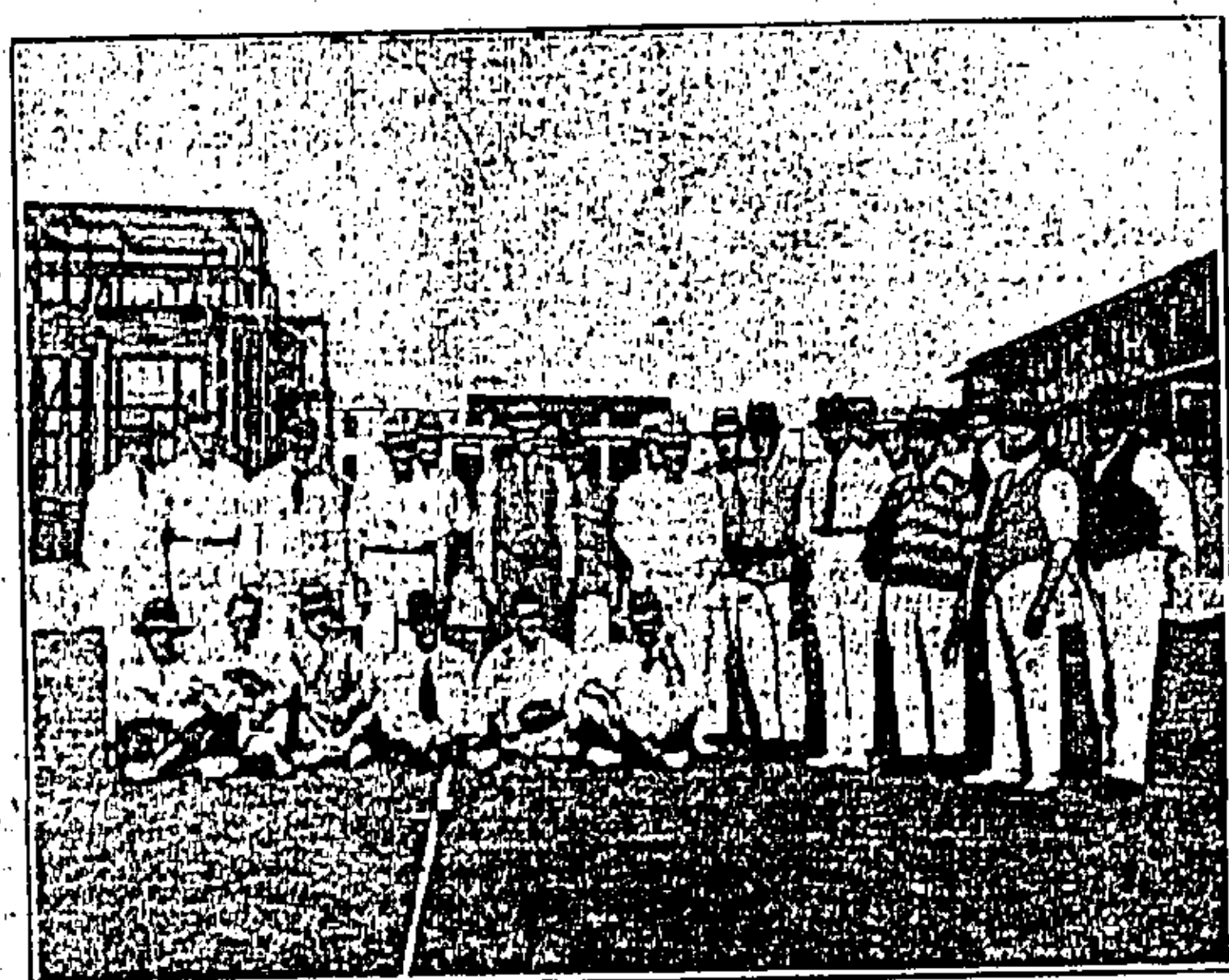
Here is seen a group of members of the Portuguese Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps in camp for the first time since the formation of the Company. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



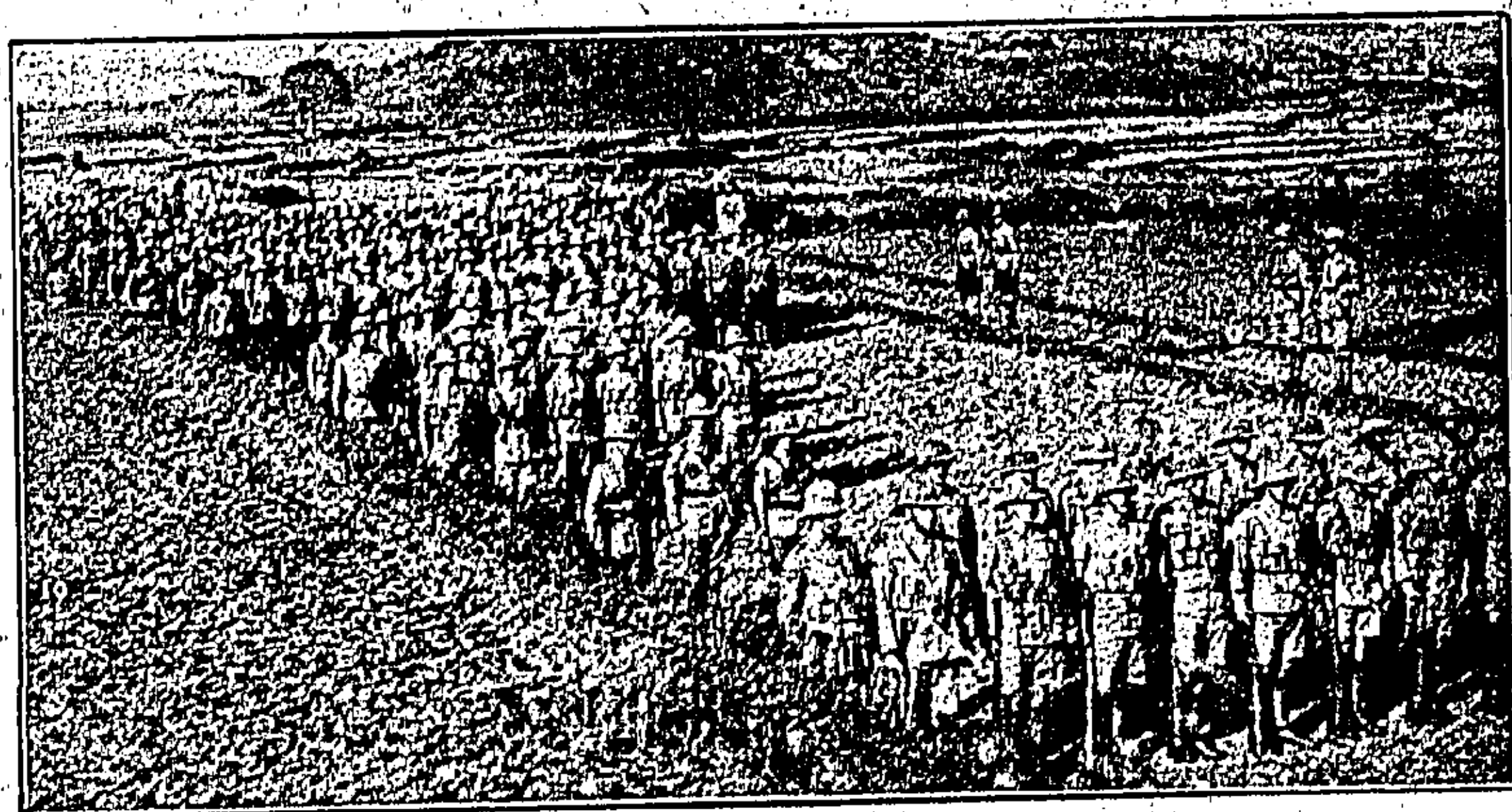
A snapshot during the match between the R. A. Reserves and St. Joseph's College, last Saturday, which ended in a draw. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



Volunteer officers and N. C. O's watching operations in the field at Lowu, with Lieut.-Col. Bird (Commandant) in the foreground. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



The St. Andrew's and St. George's Society lawn bowls teams, photographed last week-end. The match ended in a win for the Scottish players.



A general view of Volunteers in camp last week-end, parading for field operations. (Photo: Welcome Studio).



Scene from Philharmonic Society's production of "Merrie England." Left to right:—Mrs. Hanlon (Marjory), Mrs. J. Hurst (May Queen) and Mrs. R. A. Starling (Kate). (Photo by Ming Yuen).



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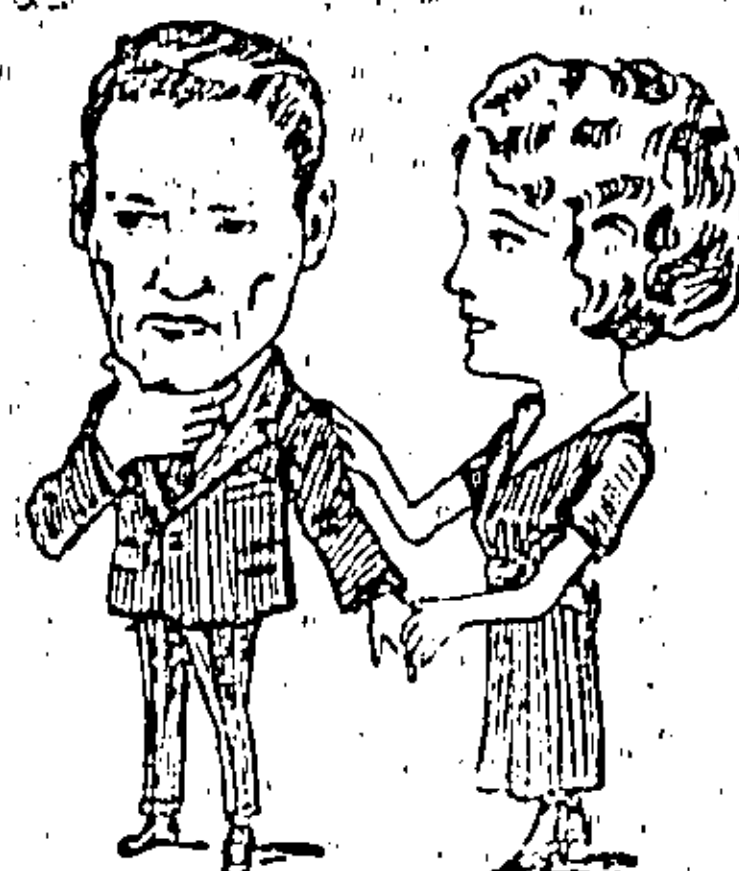
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Wesleyan Methodist Church, Queen's Road, East, Wanchai (near Royal Naval Hospital) Sunday, December 11th, 1927. (Temperance Sunday). Morning Service, 10.15 o'clock. Subject: "Drink and the Individual." Afternoon 3 o'clock: Sunday School. Evening Service, 6 o'clock. Subject: "Drink and the Nation." (The Story of the Rechabites). Preacher at both services Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey. Holy Communion at the close of the Evening Service. Sailors' & Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street. To-day (December 10th). Thracians' Concert at Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on behalf of the New Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Sunday: 3 p.m. Mr. May's Bible Class, 8.15 p.m. Service Men's Hour, Monday: 3 p.m. Ladies Church Aid Meeting.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Swatow	Chekiang	December 10.
Straits	Fookang	December 11.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	December 11.
Straits	Garmala	December 12.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	December 12.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sado Maru	December 12.
Shanghai	Chusan	December 12.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	December 12.
Shanghai	Diomed	December 13.
Straits	Monnon	December 13.
Straits and London parcels mail (London 4th November)	Haruna Maru	December 13.
Australia and Manila	Kalyan	December 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Aki Maru	December 15.
Suez and Straits	Hakozaki Maru	December 16.
Japan	Antenor	December 16.
Shanghai	Rakuyo Maru	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Machoon	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Garfield	December 17.
Japan	Pres. Taft	December 19.
Suez and Straits	Tango Maru	December 20.
Shanghai	Holonus	December 20.
Straits	Pyrrhus	December 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	City of Pekin	December 24.
Straits	Pres. McKinley	December 25.
Shanghai	Kamo Maru	December 26.
Shanghai	Patroclus	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	December 30.
Suez and Straits	U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai Pres. Harrison	December 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Tjikembang	Sat., Dec. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Ikoman Maru	Sat., Dec. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Sat., Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Taiming	Sat., Dec. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Gleniffer	Sat., Dec. 10, 4 p.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Linchow	Sat., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Cyclops	Sat., Dec. 10, 6 p.m.
Formosa, "Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C.O. and S. America and "Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Siberia Maru	Sat., Dec. 10. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 6th Jan. 1928.)
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangtung	Sun., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hayragan Mon	Dec. 12, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Mon., Dec. 12, 8.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson Mon	Dec. 12, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Fookang	Mon., Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Dec. 13, noon.
"Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang	Tues., Dec. 13. Parcels 11.15 a.m. Letters 1 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Diomed	Tues., Dec. 13. Registration K.P.O. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.
Shanghai and "Japan	Registration	1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 13th Jan. 1928.)
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and "Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Tues., Dec. 13. Parcels 11.15 a.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C. 2nd Jan. 1928.)
Swatow	Chak Sang	Tues., Dec. 13, 6 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Dei Maru	Thurs., Dec. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjisondari	Thurs., Dec. 15, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Vogland	Thurs., Dec. 15, 6 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Parcels	15th 6 p.m. Changte Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 27th Dec.)
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri., Dec. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Hokho, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chusan	Fri., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiphong	Fri., Dec. 16, Noon.
Shanghai	Szechuen	Fri., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kiangchow	Sun., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Dec. 17. Registration Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m. Letters Dec. 17, 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration Dec. 17, 8.45 a.m. Letters Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 15th Jan. 1928.)
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., E. & S. America and "Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Parcels	Dec. 18, 5 p.m. Achilles Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria, B.C. 9th Jan. 1928.)
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Sat., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Dec. 18, 8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sunning	Mon., Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon, "Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Paul Lecat	K.P.O.	Tues., Dec. 20. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 20th Jan. 1928.)
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tango Maru	Wed., Dec. 21. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 2nd Jan. 1928.)
Weihaiwei	Kueichow	Thurs., Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	Fri., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Sundakan	Hinsang	Fri., Dec. 23, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kamo Maru	Thurs., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.

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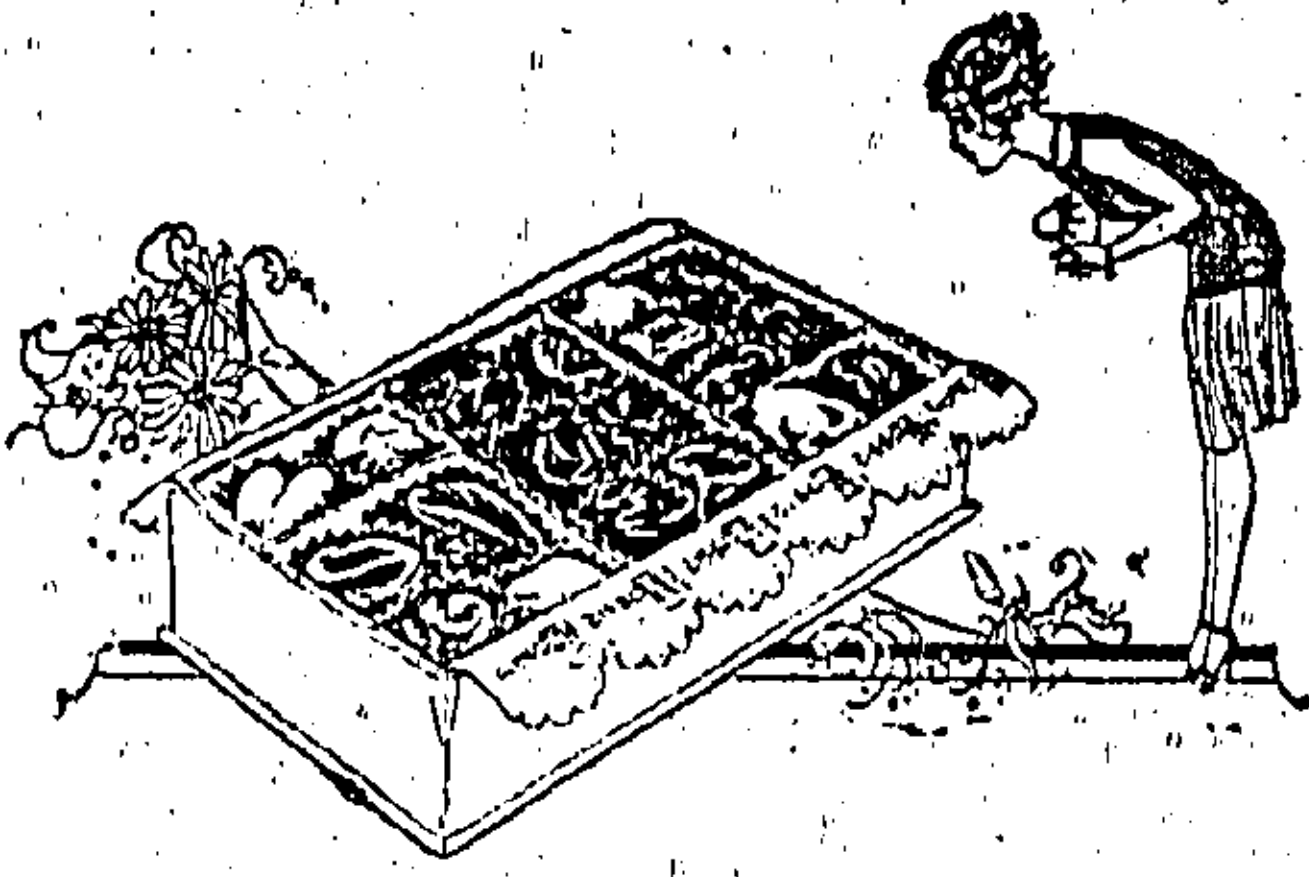
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THE ORIGIN OF HALLOWE'EN.

A PAGAN FESTIVAL SURVIVAL.

Sir Robert Blair, president of the London Burns Club, and formerly Education Officer of London County Council, addressed the members of the Ninety Burns in Edinburgh at a Halloween supper party in Ferguson & Forrester's restaurant. Sir Robert, who was the principal guest, spoke on the subject of the origin of Halloween and on Burns and his work.

He did not know, said Sir Robert Blair, whether or not Halloween was the oldest festival in British history, but, if it was not, it was not very far from it. Continuously, away back beyond written history, research had pushed its way, bit by bit, until it had got into the mists of antiquity, and was able to give us some suggestions as to the origin of the pagan festival which now bore the Christian name of Halloween. In the days when the Celtic races of these islands were a pastoral people they turned their flocks out at one time of the year to graze in the open, and brought them in later on to take shelter from the severity of the winter, and it was suggested that the one period at the beginning of the summer, and the other at the beginning of winter, marked the two great festivals of May Day and what we now call Halloween. Fearing that their flocks might die in the open of disease or accident, the people took steps to propitiate the spirits who would look after their welfare. Round such events as these there gradually grew up a ceremony of prayer and of wishing the best for their possession, but as that ceremony came down through time it got moulded, and in later centuries religion and change of social habits, and, later still, science had taken away many of the grosser superstitions and practices that surrounded it, although he believed that even as late as 1722 in Scotland we had not altogether got rid of the superstitions, for in 1722 a witch was burned in Scotland.

One could understand easily the relationship between Burns and Halloween, because in one of what were called his immortal poems he had fixed the practice, and from which these celebrations should take, and he (Sir Robert) supposed that in Scotland on this night it was pretty much as it had been in his young days, the ducking for apples and the usual burning of nuts. Halloween was now celebrated as a festival of fun, particularly for the young.

Speaking of Burns, Sir Robert remarked that when he was a boy Burns was forbidden in his mother's house, although he thought his father was more indifferent. Burns in these days—was regarded as a polluter of youth. And yet, what many mothers did not know was that Burns could tell little to any schoolboy of 15 years. And he dared say it was still the same in Scotland. (Laughter.) What an immense change had come over the attitude of Scotland and the rest of the world! The popularity of Burns had spread all over the world—no doubt carried there mainly by Scotsmen, because Burns was a bit of Scotland, which had grown like the mustard seed.

REIGN OF TERROR ENDS.

GORILLA CLUTCH DISPOSED OF.

Winnipeg, Nov. 8.

With the conviction and sentence to hang of Earle Nelson, aged 37, the police believe that they have ended the career of the so-called "Dark Strangler," one of the most ruthless criminals in history.

During 1926 the killer's reign of terror extended through a dozen Pacific Coast cities, but early this year he turned across the continent to the East. An adept at disguise, and a sort of amateur detective type, Nelson usually carried a suitcase with two changes of clothing.

During last year, it has been definitely traced that he killed 16 women, aged 14 to 60 years, never robbing them, but invariably leaving behind the evidence of his gorilla clutch.

This year he killed five women, including three near Winnipeg. Evidence showed how he had killed Lola Cowan.

In the early forenoon he walked out of the city and begged a

WESTMINSTER ABBEY EXTENSION.

SUGGESTION ROUSES MANY PROTESTS.

London, Nov. 4.

Most British architects seem to be aghast at the suggestion by the Church Assembly's Cathedral commission that Westminster Abbey, should be enlarged because its memorials are overcrowded.

They argue that it would be sacrilege to spoil the historic edifice in order to provide accommodation for statues of Tom, Dick, and Harry.

The Society for the preservation of Ancient Buildings states, through its secretary, that it is unable to find language strong enough for the occasion, but it denounces the idea of spoiling the loveliest building in England.

The president of the Royal Society of Sculptors expresses the opinion that "it would require a super-man to design fitting additions, but, perhaps, if the designs were opened to competition throughout the Empire, the occasion may find the man."

Bernard Shaw declined to express his opinion at the present stage on whether the Abbey should be enlarged, explaining, "I am still alive."

Mr. William Reynolds-Stevens, who was president of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, 1921-26, declares: "The proposed additions constitute a national question. The Abbey is one of the world's greatest works of art. It is the greatest recorder of our history, and the public must have an opportunity of expressing an opinion as to the best scheme, not merely by an inspection of drawings but by means of models built to the same scale. A scheme for a more or less detached ambulatory seems the most suitable, providing further space for more monuments, which should be smaller. The new building should not hide the existing Abbey."

ride from a passing motorist. The tyre burst opposite a farmhouse, and, while the motorist mended it, Nelson walked leisurely in. He found the farmer's wife alone, strangled her, and threw her body under the bed. He helped himself to dinner, and then walked unconcerned back to the motor car.

Nelson had been in an insane asylum, but escaped. He was kind to his wife, who did not suspect his fearful deeds.

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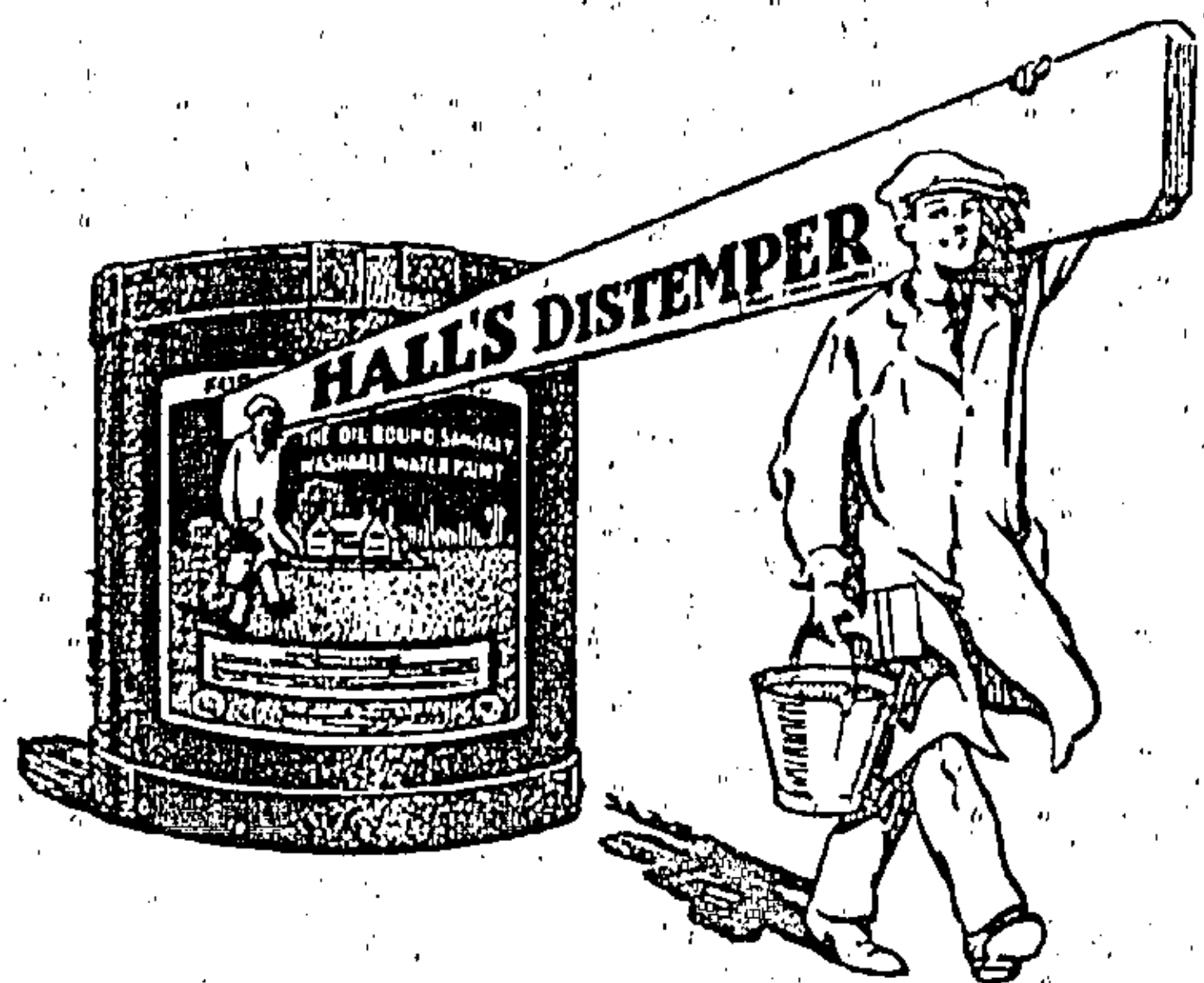
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cut-throat competition, with con-
sequently heavy losses to all
concerned, the eight Argentine
meat exporting firms have settled
the matters in dispute between
them and expect to have their busi-
ness on a profit-earning basis
again by early in December, says
a Home paper.

The four chief points at issue
have been thrashed out at a ten
days' conference which concluded
last night, and the Meat
Conference, which ceased to func-
tion in March 1925, is to resume
its deliberations.

At the ten days' conference,
concessions have been made by all
the firms engaged in it (says the
Financial Times).

The chief points at issue
were:—

(1) The ratio in which the
trade was to be distributed be-
tween the exporting firms;
(2) The position of new com-
panies and their claim to a per-
centage;

(3) Allowance for new works
and expansion;

(4) Claims for higher quota by
American firms.

In all, eight importing firms are
directly affected by the dispute
over the quotas. These are
Vestey & Co., Armour & Co., Swift
& Co., Smithfield and Argentine
Meat, Wilson & Co., Sansinena Co.,
English and Dutch Meat, River
Plate and Continental Meat.

The first three comprise the
large companies which between
them handle 69 per cent. of the
imports.

Disagreements Wreck Conference.
The Meat Conference was form-
ed in 1911 to regulate and control

the trade, but owing to growing
disagreements between larger com-
panies on the above questions it
broke up in March 1925.

Many formal and informal meet-
ings have taken place since, be-
tween the members of the old con-
ference, to try and solve the prob-
lem of percentages but without
success.

On several occasions unofficial
reports of an agreement having
been arrived at have been cir-
culated, but these have never
subsequently been confirmed, and
the companies have continued
their detrimental policy of com-
petition instead of the previous
conference plan of co-operation.

Before the differences arose the
firms interested in the Argentine
meat trade consisted of three
large companies—two American
and one British—and three small-
er companies—American, Argen-
tine, and British.

Previous to the break up of the
conference the proportions of the
trade were 58½ per cent. to the
American and 41½ per cent. to the
other companies.

The Start of the Fight.

Two of the large companies sub-
sequently erected new works in
the Plate, and that is alleged to
have begun the fight.

The facts were that two new
companies purchased two old
works from a British company,
and they had to be provided with
a percentage of the trade.

The big British company erect-
ed new works, as did also the big
American company, and dispute
arose over the changes in the
quotas made necessary by the
claims of the new companies for
a share in the trade and those of
the old companies for the right to
retain their ratio or increase it in
consideration of the expenditure
on extensions.

The problem of assessing justly
and to the satisfaction of the
several firms the proportions of
the trade to be allocated has
baffled all attempts at an amicable
solution until now.

In consequence, there has been
cut-throat competition between the
companies, rates being reduced
and supplies being sold in excess
of market requirements, so forcing
prices down to below the cost
price of the produce. Losses were
inevitable and presumably it is the
realization of the seriousness of
the position that at length has
caused reason to triumph.

What will the Increase Be?

During this "war" prices have
been cut to admittedly uneconomic
prices (says a correspondent of
the *Yorkshire Post*), and it has
not been denied that the com-
petitors have suffered the most
severe losses—put in some quar-
ters at as much as £30,000,000.

From the point of view of the
British meat producer and the
consumer, the agreement now
understood to have been reached
is of great importance. Varying
estimates have been put forward
as to the probable increase in
the retail price of Argentine meat
which is likely to follow the
"armistice."

It has been suggested in some
quarters that the effect will be an
immediate increase in the price by
as much as 2d. a pound, but one
of those who has been engaged in
the "war" considers that estimate
to be ridiculous, and thinks the
increase is more likely to be in the
neighbourhood of ¼d. to ½d. a
pound.

The negotiations which have
preceded the settlement have been
carried on in an atmosphere of
great secrecy, but I have authority
for stating that the view of the
participants is that the new
freight committee—to be officially
known as a "freight conference"
will succeed in satisfying the com-
peting interests in regard to the
total amounts of chilled beef to be
imported in future and the amount
to be allotted to each firm.

"What is required," I was told
(says the *Post* correspondent in
conclusion), "is a regulation of
supplies to prevent violent fluctua-
tions of importations, and that will
be the first duty of the new freight
conference."

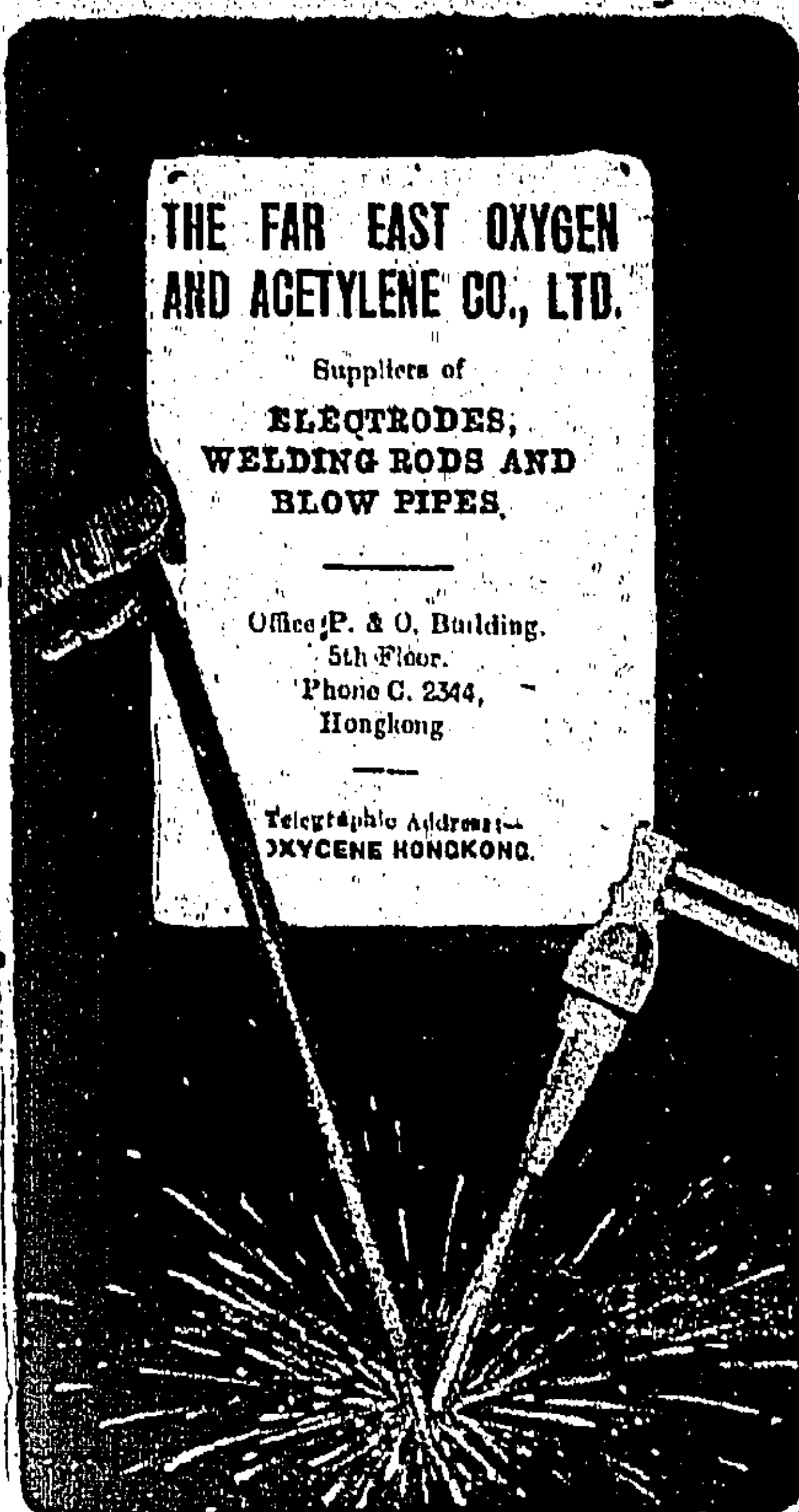
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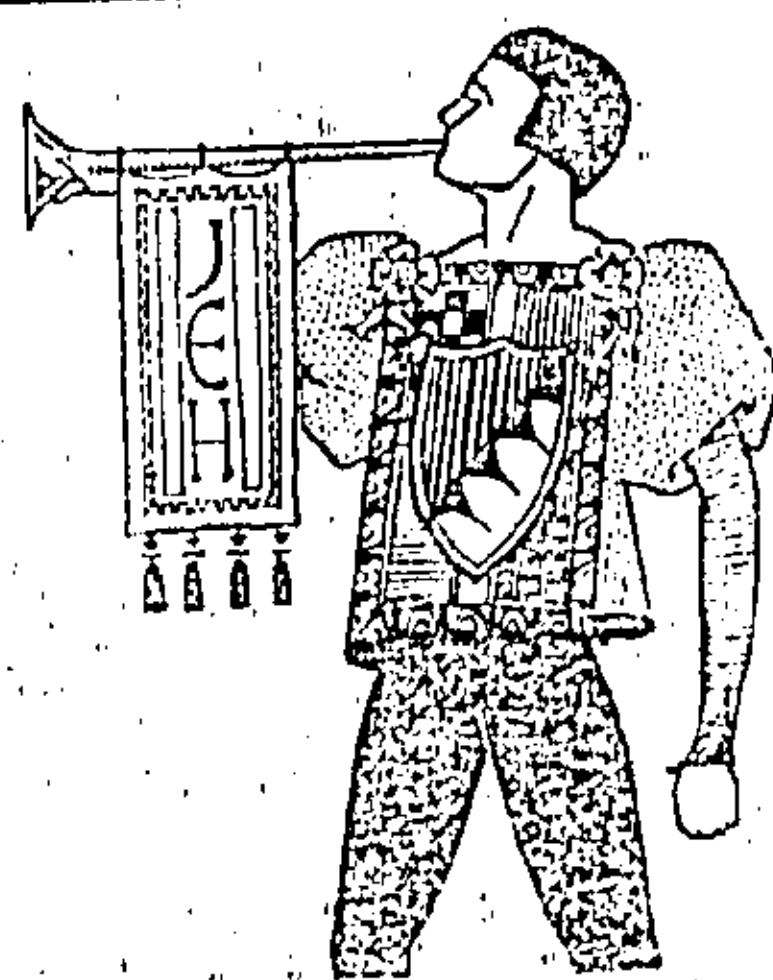
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Five hundred people in Hollywood, who live well, eat regularly, have motor cars and bank-accounts, are supported by animals, according to an official at the Paramount studio in Hollywood.

There is a trained skunk sending two girls to college. The skunk is in constant demand for comedies and for comedy relief scenes in dramas and he brings his owner a comfortable living.

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That is the expectation of the average extra girl of Hollywood according to Fred Dattig, veteran casting director at the Paramount studio.

Dattig knows thousands of girls by sight, hundreds of them by name. He has watched them come and go and has seen but few of them attain more than a flash of brief success.

Dattig, from figures obtained at Central Casting Bureau, has learned that there are approximately 6,000 extra girls in Hollywood. Central Casting is just what its name implies. It is through Central that all of the studios secure their extra talent; an employment agency for the motion picture trade.

Dattig's books show that an average of but one hundred extra girls are used each working day throughout the year—only hundred out of six thousand.

It is no wonder that the Paramount studio officials are at the forefront in the present move to discourage ambitious youngsters from coming to the City of Cinema.

Seen and Heard at Hollywood.

Esther Ralston, the blonde, meeting Anita Loos, author of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" . . . Adolphe Menjou whistling opera airs . . . Pola Negri giving a Great Dane to a friend . . . Noah Beery inducing friends to join his Trout Club . . . Marietta Milner carrying a makeup box totally covered with steamship labels . . . Fred Thomson jumping an eight foot wall in "Jesse James" . . . Florence Vidor entertaining on her cool veranda . . . Raymond Hutton unbuttoning a first lieutenant's tunic . . . George Bancroft twisting his black felt hat . . . William Powell sending telegrams collect to Richard Barthelmess . . . Louise Brooks bragging about the intelligence of her four dogs . . . W. C. Fields inviting

Moran and Mack to luncheon . . . Gary Cooper fencing expertly in "Beau Sabreur" . . . Wallace Beery ignoring a "No Parking" sign . . . Harold Lloyd joking with Edward Everett Horton . . . Bebe Daniels reading "A History of Algeria" . . . Fred Kohler munching a chocolate bar . . . Jack Liden, hurrying to make a dentist's appointment . . . Emil Jannings working in night scenes . . . Clara Bow attending a scenario conference on "Red Hair" in a bathing suit, a red leather windbreak and yellow driving gloves . . . Richard Dix avoiding smiling with sun-burnt lips . . . James Hall smoking in a theatre lobby . . . Charles Rogers shaking hands with Mary Pickford's visitors . . . Mary Brian wearing a white organdy picture hat.

Cast of New Melghan Picture.

Completion of casting of Thomas Melghan's new Paramount picture, an untitled vehicle, now being directed by James Cruze, was announced to-day by Bernard Fineman, acting associate producer.

The picture, from an original screen story by Charles and Jules Furthman, is an underworld melodrama with Melghan cast as a famous criminal lawyer.

Marietta Milner, Viennese beauty who was Melghan's leading woman in his last picture, "We're All Gamblers," is again cast in the chief female role as Nada Winthrop, society heiress.

Charles Hill Mailes, character actor who played in "Old Ironsides" and other recent productions, is cast as her father, Luther Winthrop, capitalist whose shady operations in the underworld plunge Melghan and his daughter into difficulties.

Wyndham Standing, stage and screen actor who played with Melghan in "The Canadian," is playing the district attorney, who is Melghan's friend in spite of opposing him in criminal suits.

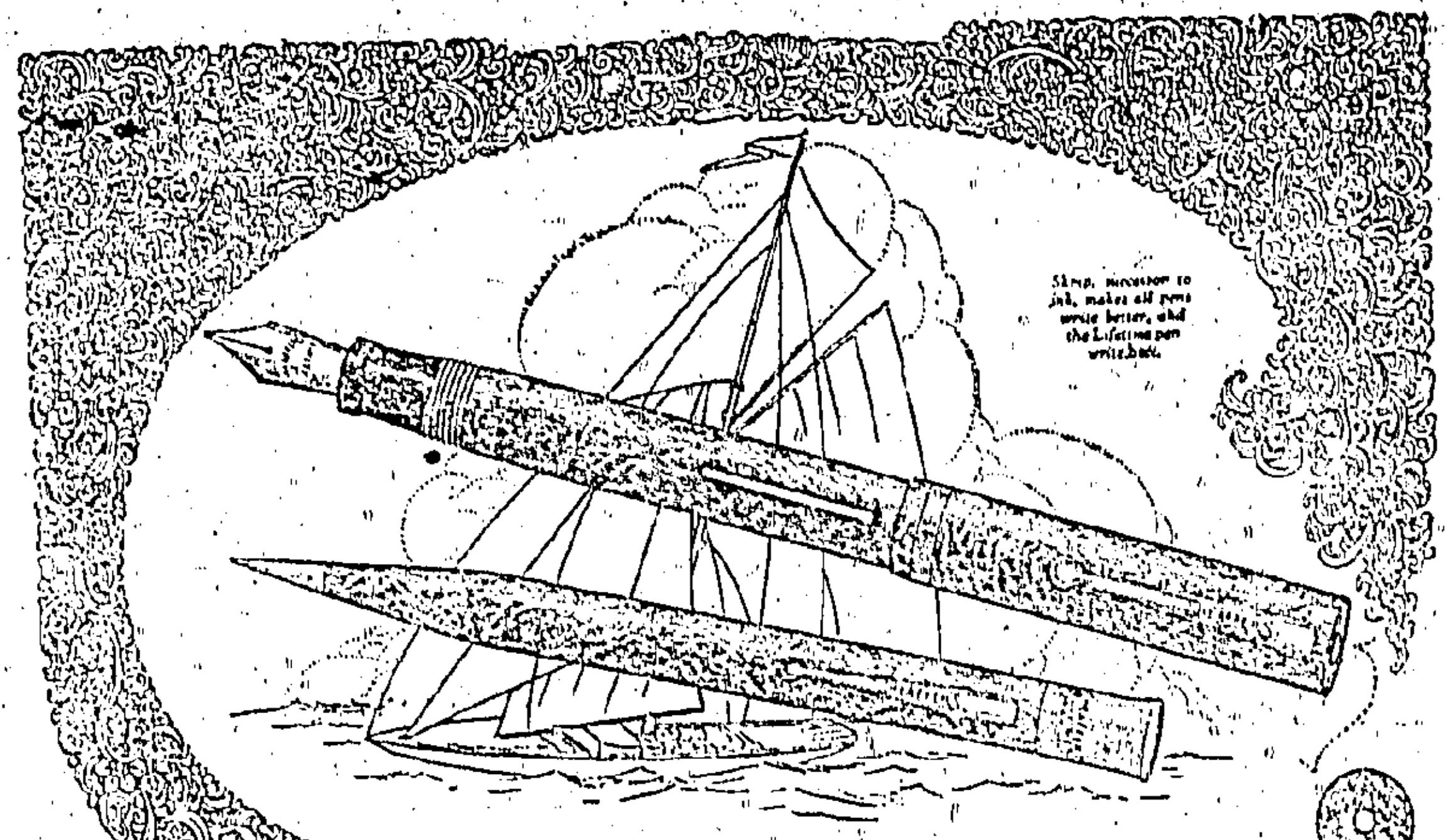
The rival gang leaders, whose feud starts the dramatic action, are played by Fred Kohler, "the wolf of the screen," and by Duke Martin, former vaudeville artist. With them in the picture appear their girls, played respectively by Louise Brooks and Nancy Phillips, two of the Paramount Junior Stars for 1927.

"Gunboat" Smith, former pugilist, and King Zany, former popular "songwriter," are cast respectively as a policeman and a professional bondsman who figure prominently.

Equal care was exercised in casting of smaller parts. Shirley Dorman, Georgia brunette, recently signed to a long-term Paramount contract, is playing an underworld girl as one of her first parts, and Luke Cosgrave, Director Cruze's famous friend, has shaved off his familiar white beard to play the keeper of a dive where the crooks gather.

Dresses to Fit Atmosphere.

H. D'Abbadie D'Arrast, Paramount's newest director, believes in dressing for the occasion. This is illustrated in Adolphe Menjou's "The Head Waiter," D'Arrast's first picture for Famous Players-Lasky as a full-fledged director. In the filming of the action occurring in an exclusive resort hotel in the Swiss Alps, D'Arrast appeared on the set wearing kilickers and slip on sweater. To-day when Parisian sequences are being filmed he appeared at the studio in a dark blue business suit, fitting the atmosphere of the scene. Conjecture is rife as to whether he will wear evening clothes for the dining room sequences in which Menjou does his stuff as the head waiter of an exclusive Parisian hotel.



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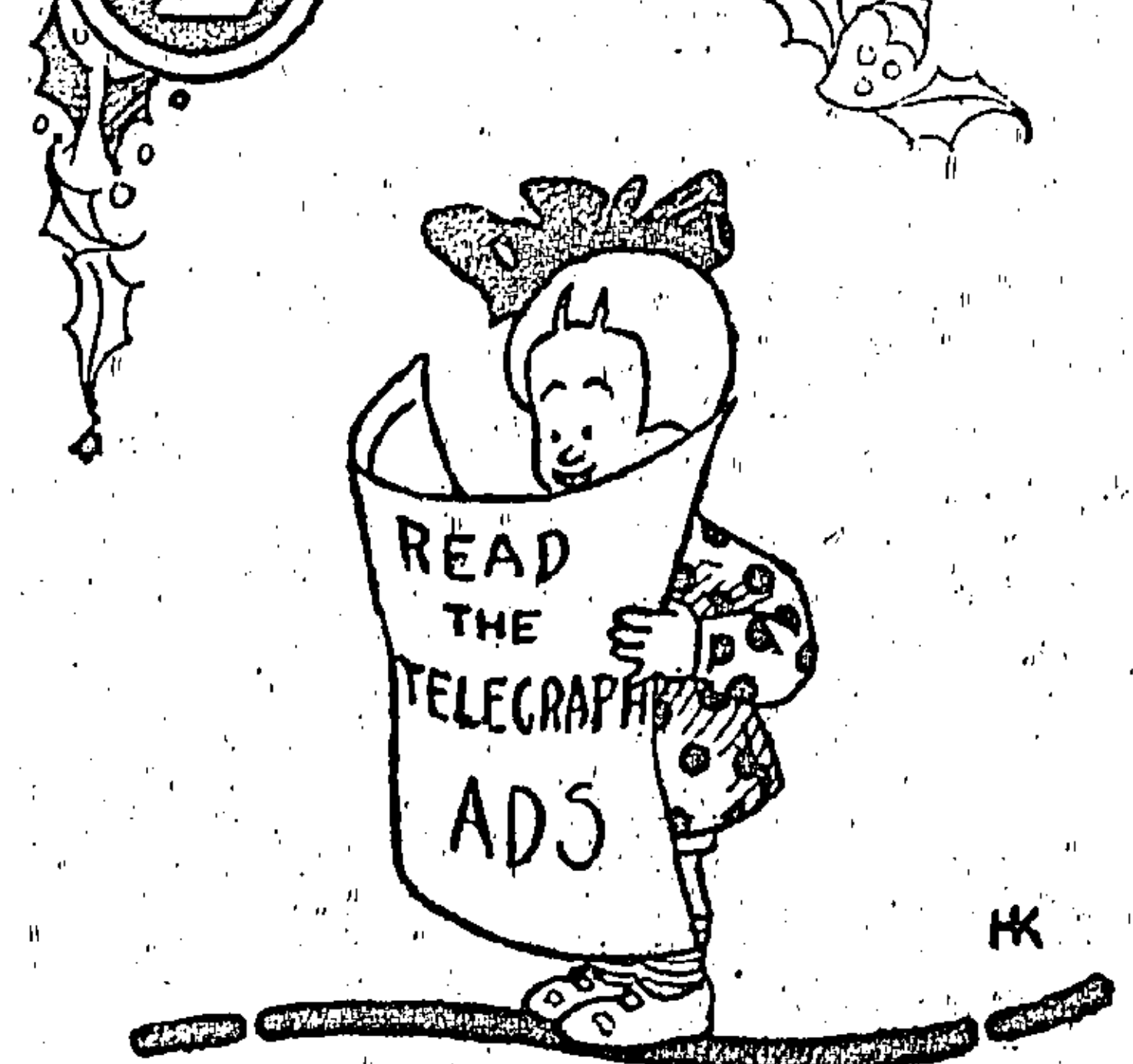
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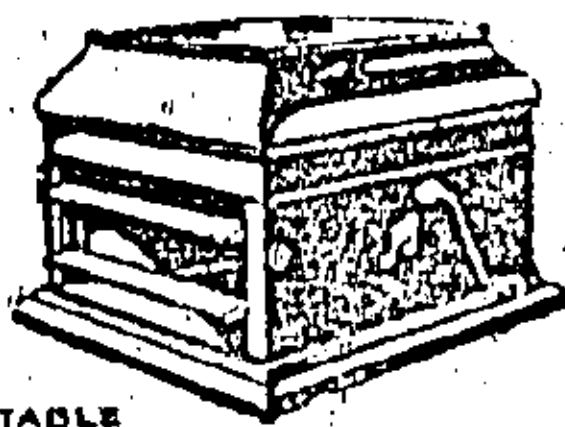
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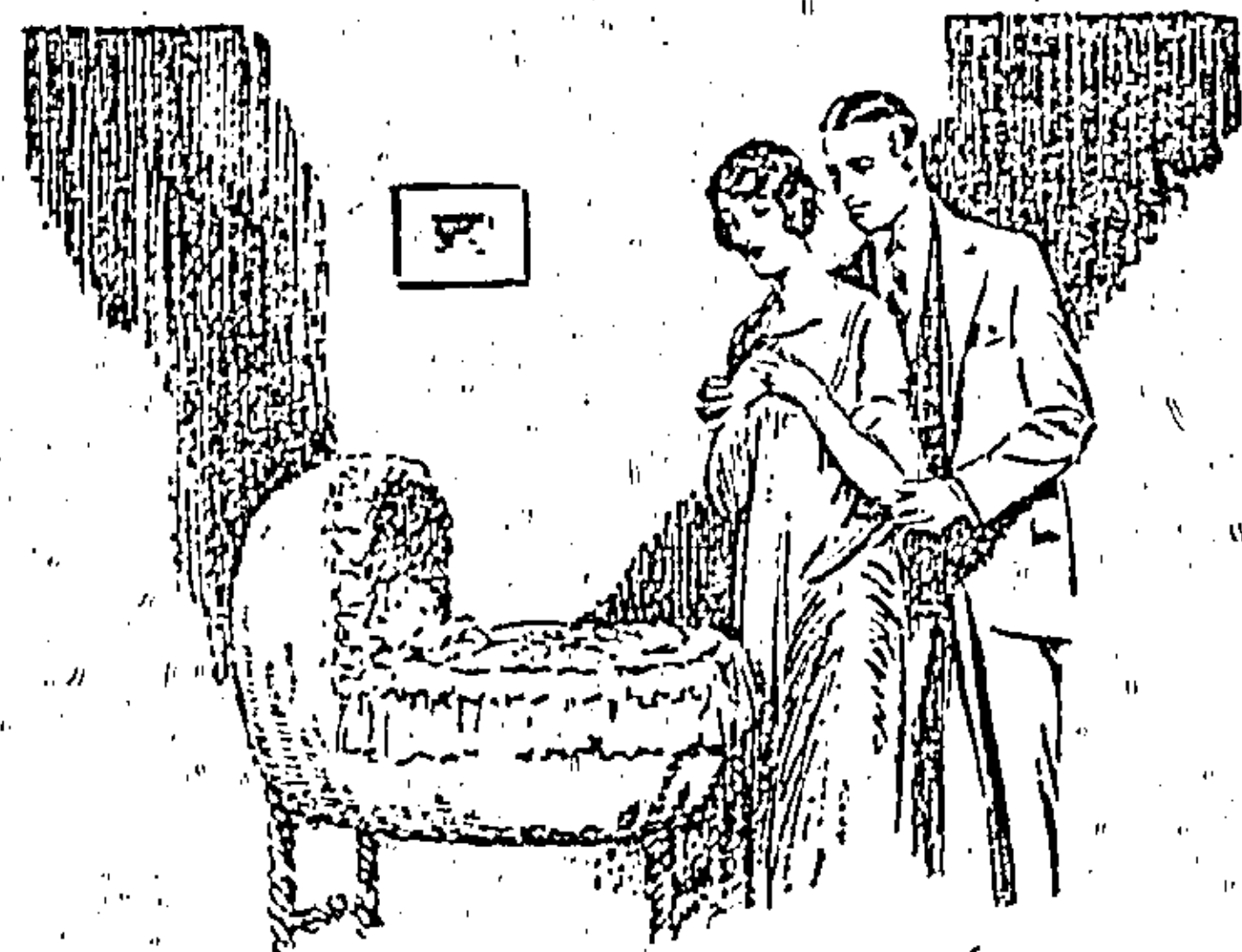
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GROWTH OF WIRELESS.

The inaugural address of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution was delivered by Lord Burnham, C.H., LL.D., who spoke on "Newspapers" in the U.F. Assembly Hall.

Lord Burnham, who was cordially received, reminded the audience at the outset that the League of Nations had formally recognised the newspapers. Press as an essential and even indispensable part of the machinery of civilisation and that, he said, marked a great change in the attitude of mind of the Governments of the world towards the Press in its relation to world affairs. In all the recent improvements of their school system, a combined endeavour was being continuously made to bring it into due relation to life and the art of living, and the part played by the newspaper in the enlightenment of public opinion could not be overlooked or ignored.

It was a remarkable fact that in their national histories, even down to the end of the last century, and including those that had been written by professed journalists, the part that newspapers had played in the evolution of their national life had never had but the most cursory and ill-informed notice.

Free From Contamination.

The question was often raised as to how far the newspaper Press was responsible for rendering and perpetuating the feuds and animosities between nations, which were, in all probability, not less now than they had been for the last century and might always lead in the last resort to the unspeakable calamities of war. Newspapers might exacerbate national differences and intensify national passions; but the sting of their slander and the prick of their pen had in all probability their origin elsewhere, either in the close of the ruler or the counting-house of the trader. Newspapers were the circulating agents of the prophet and the publicist.

Even in England, where the freedom of the Press was first established, the diaries and biographies of the last century proved abundantly that statesmen and politicians had always had the greater part of the responsibility for newspaper policy, although they had invariably adopted the conventional pose of declaring themselves free from all such contamination.

Knowing what they did now, it would require an incurable blindness to the facts of history to attribute the brutalities and the failures of British policy, or, by the same token, its successful "buddling through" in the long run, to the venom or the vainglory of the newspaper Press. In reality, so far as the influence of the newspaper had counted one way or the other, it had generally been used on the side of moderation and sanity. One reason that had been not infrequently alleged as the reason why newspapers inclined to the side of war and tumult was that under such circumstances they obtained a greater sale, and that the proprietors benefited in consequence by a larger circulation. Nothing could be further from the truth. The profits of newspapers were drawn almost entirely from their advertisement revenue, and advertising, like other kinds of trading expenditure, was wholly dependent on the course of trade and business.

The Broadest Rival.

Both directly and indirectly the Press was in all probability the greatest factor in the formation of public opinion, both as a primary and as a secondary agent. In the last few years, however, there had been perfected another contrivance of human intelligence, which, as somebody had wittily said, made use of a sixth sense and a fourth dimension. Broadcasting by wireless of everything which was concerned with the instruction, the amusement, and the information of the people threatened to be in serious rivalry with the printing Press in its uses and in its potentialities.

When the era of free competition began, as it assuredly would before long, it would be seen how far the transmission of news and description by wireless was likely to supersede its circulation in print, and it might well be that there would gradually come about a substitution on a large scale of one for the other, in spite of what Bentley called the "knows laws of natural motion."

Sir John R. Findlay proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Burnham who, he observed, had, in-

SAUSAGE SANDWICH "ACQUITTED."

**BEAUTY SPECIALIST LOSES
HER CASE.**

WAS NOT POISONED.

The question of whether a beauty specialist was poisoned by eating a liver sausage sandwich at an Appenrodt (Ltd.) restaurant at Piccadilly, London, on June 2, 1926, was dealt with by Mr. Justice Horridge and a special jury in the King's Bench Division, London, recently, when the hearing was concluded of the action for damages brought by Miss Helen Richards, Wellington Square, Chelsea, London.

The defence was that Miss Richards did not take a meal at the restaurant on June 2, and also that any food the plaintiff might have taken could not have caused food poisoning.

After hearing evidence the jury returned a verdict in favour of the defendants, and judgment was entered according, with costs.

Dr. Frederick Lawrence Moseley, who examined Miss Richards on June 17 last year, said it was very difficult to get a history from her because she was in a highly nervous and hysterical condition. He concluded she had been suffering from food poisoning, and she was not sufficiently recovered to go back to work. He could not, however, attribute her condition to any particular article of food she had eaten.

Mr. Herman Appenrodt said he came to England in 1886, and became a naturalised Englishman in 1890. All the time he had sold liver sausage he had never received a complaint concerning it, except about 14 years ago, when he had a claim exactly similar to the present one. The jury then found in his favour.

No Cockroaches.

On the average at this branch in question, they received 20 to 30 pounds of sausages per day. Most of it would be sold the same day. Whatever was left over was taken to an ice-safe if the weather was unfavourable. Otherwise it was left on the china dishes in the shop. His present manager at the shop had been with him 20 years. He had a contract with a vermin-killer company for the purpose of keeping down cockroaches and other insects.

Mr. Hilbery—An attack on you was made by a doctor, who said he had seen cockroaches swarming over your counter in the basement. Is that true since you took over the premises and had them renovated?—It is absolutely out of the question.

Witness said the basement of the shop was originally the cellar of a public-house. He denied there were numbers of cockroaches in that part of the premises. If we do see one, he said, we immediately ring up the Insect-killer Company. They come once a week to the premises.

I suggest to you that any night after dark there are literally hundreds of cockroaches in the basement, said Mr. Samuel.

Not in my place, replied witness.

Is it possible once the cockroaches get a hold of a place for any insect-killing firm to exterminate them?—I am afraid it is impossible. You can only keep them right down.

1,300 lb. a Week.

Mr. Stern, manager of the Piccadilly branch of defendant's business, gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. G. Willschard, a Belgian, said he had carried on business as a wholesale and retail sausage manufacturer at Neil Street since 1920.

His liver sausages were made of pig's liver and pork meat. He selected the meat himself, and bought only first-class quality. Taking an average over the year, he sold 1,300 lb. every week. Witness said he never had a complaint about his sausages.

Mr. Albert Bennet, sanitary inspector, said he made periodical inspections of Mr. Willschard's premises, and was satisfied with their cleanliness and that of the machine. The meat he found to be of the best quality.

Counsel then addressed the jury. As reported above, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

Instead of giving them definite judgments on newspaper enterprise in this country, covered the whole ground and given them material on which to base their judgment. From his wide knowledge, historical and practical, he had covered the ground in a manner for which they were extremely grateful. The world of newspapers was a little troubled at

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present, groups were being formed and groups were being broken up, newspaper-collecting had become a mania with certain millionaires, but the unkindest cut of all was that papermakers with no other sense of responsibility

were buying newspapers as a market for their own products. But among all the changes and chances they had a strong bulwark in the traditions and ideals of those engaged in a practical journalism. They had a great

body of tradition, of honest and conscientious work, of downright independence, which would do much to prevent any degradation of the high level that had been attained by newspapers in this country. (Applause.)

A COLLECTION OF STUART RELICS.

WORN ON THE SCAFFOLD.

A unique collection of articles presented by King Charles I. on the scaffold, to the 2nd Earl of Lindsey were recently offered to the London Museum by the direct descendants of the original recipient. The Museum, having no funds whatsoever to effect such purchases, appealed to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Makower, who had already presented the Museum with the shirt worn by the King at his execution. They generously acceded to the request, and the collection is now permanently on view at the Museum.

The articles had been continuously in the Lindsey family for ten generations, and the only stipulation was that the collection should find a permanent resting-place in a national institution. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Makower recently gave the famous Essex Ring to Westminster Abbey.

The family of Bertie was distinguished for its devotion to the Royal cause. Robert Bertie, 1st Earl of Lindsey, died a prisoner at Warwick Castle from wounds received at Edgehill in 1642, when he was at the head of a division

of the Royalist Army. His son Montague voluntarily surrendered himself a prisoner to be near his father at the end. He succeeded him as second Earl of Lindsey, and was subsequently wounded at Naseby. In conjunction with the Duke of Richmond, the Marquis of Hartford, and the Earl of Southampton he offered himself as a hostage to die for Charles I. and was one of the four who carried him to his grave at Windsor. Before his execution King Charles gave him gloves, jabot, and skull cap to Lord Lindsey, and these relics have been preserved for ten generations in the family, and passed, on the death of the late Dowager Countess of Lindsey, to her nephew, Reginald Lindsey.

CHESSE CHAMPION.

ALEKHINE PROCLAIMED BY CHESSE CLUB.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 9.

Alekhine has been officially proclaimed champion by the Argentine Chess Club under whose auspices the tournament was held. Of a \$10,000 purse Alekhine received \$5,400 and Capablanca \$4,600. Alekhine also received a gold medal from the Club. *Reuter's American Service.*

ARTIFICIAL RUBBER AND PETROL.

BIG GERMAN DYE TRUST'S DISCOVERIES.

A PACT WITH BRITAIN.

Far-reaching discoveries which may affect the trade of the world are announced by a German scientist. These include the manufacture of artificial rubber and petrol by means which will allow of successful competition with the natural products.

No details are available of the process of manufacture of the rubber, but the petrol is obtained from coal and water. (says the *Daily Chronicle*).

The first public statement on the subject was made at Berlin recently by Dr. von Weinberg, a member of the board of the German Dye Trusts Corporation.

His statement was to the effect that the trust had succeeded in producing synthetically the constituent materials of rubber, and gutta-percha. "Contact-syntheses" is the process through which this has been achieved.

I understand that applications for the patents for the manufacture of synthetic rubber have already been made and granted.

In some quarters it is stated that production will begin in the immediate future; that the synthetic rubber is equal in quality to the natural product, and that the costs involved in its manufacture are not too high to prevent its competing successfully with natural rubber.

'Synthetic Petrol.'

Dr. Weinberg referred also to the recent reports in connexion with the manufacture of synthetic petrol, and confirmed that this problem has been "technically solved."

To this he added:—The raw materials are either hard or soft coal and water, and it seems certain that by this synthetic process we have opened up a road analogous to that by which natural oil comes into existence.

It is in this connexion that the German dye trust entered last August into an arrangement with the great American oil companies.

Dr. Weinberg also confirmed in effect the recent rumours, of which up to now authoritative corroboration has not been forthcoming, of the probability of an international agreement between the German dye trust and the similar combine in Britain.

This important and significant hint is embodied in the following passage from his speech:—The formation of the German Dye Trusts Corporation, has found

THREATENED ROAD FAMINE.

GOVERNMENT AND THE MOTORISTS.

By reason of the heavy taxation of their cars motorists have a definite claim to good, and ample roads. Already in many districts roads are uncomfortably, even dangerously, crowded. If congestion outside urban districts increases (says the *Autocar*), ownership of a car might well become not worth while. Should such a state ever obtain, a most serious blow would be struck to British industry, employment, and finance.

Yet, at the very moment when more and better roads were urgently needed, the Chancellor of the Exchequer "raided" the unspent millions accrued to the Road Fund. Actually not a penny can be spared from the roads, the situation as it is at present, and as it may well be in future if money be taken annually from taxes levied under direct promise that every penny raised thereby would be spent on the roads, is, and will be serious.

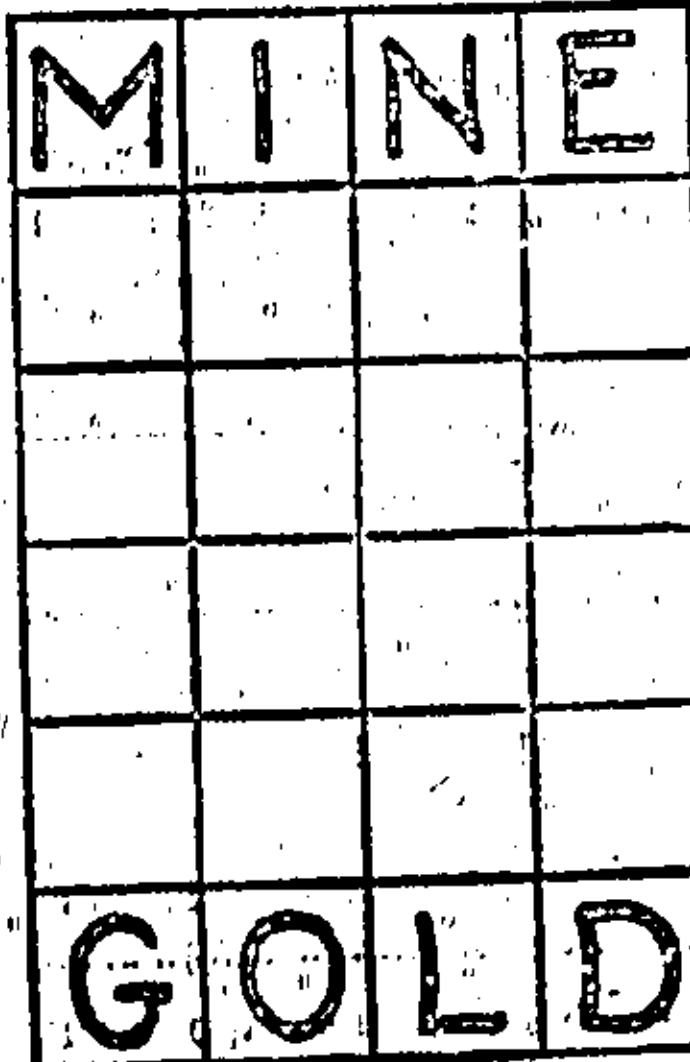
That the urgency of the solution of the problem is not lost sight of in the Cabinet is indicated by the wise words of the Home Secretary at the recent dinner of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders during the period of the Olympia Show. Sir William Joynton-Hicks made a strong point that not only must roads adequate for present needs be built, but that we must look ahead and build roads for the future.

All sensible people will agree with that utterance, and the words were a tacit rebuke to that member of the Government who is responsible for the nation's finance. A road famine—by no means an impossibility in the near future in view of the Chancellor's recent actions—would be nothing short of a national calamity.

LETTER GOLF.

ALL IS NOT GOLD.

Sometimes stock in a MINE turns out to be GOLD, then again it doesn't. Par is five for this hole, and if you can beat that you're above the average.



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2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

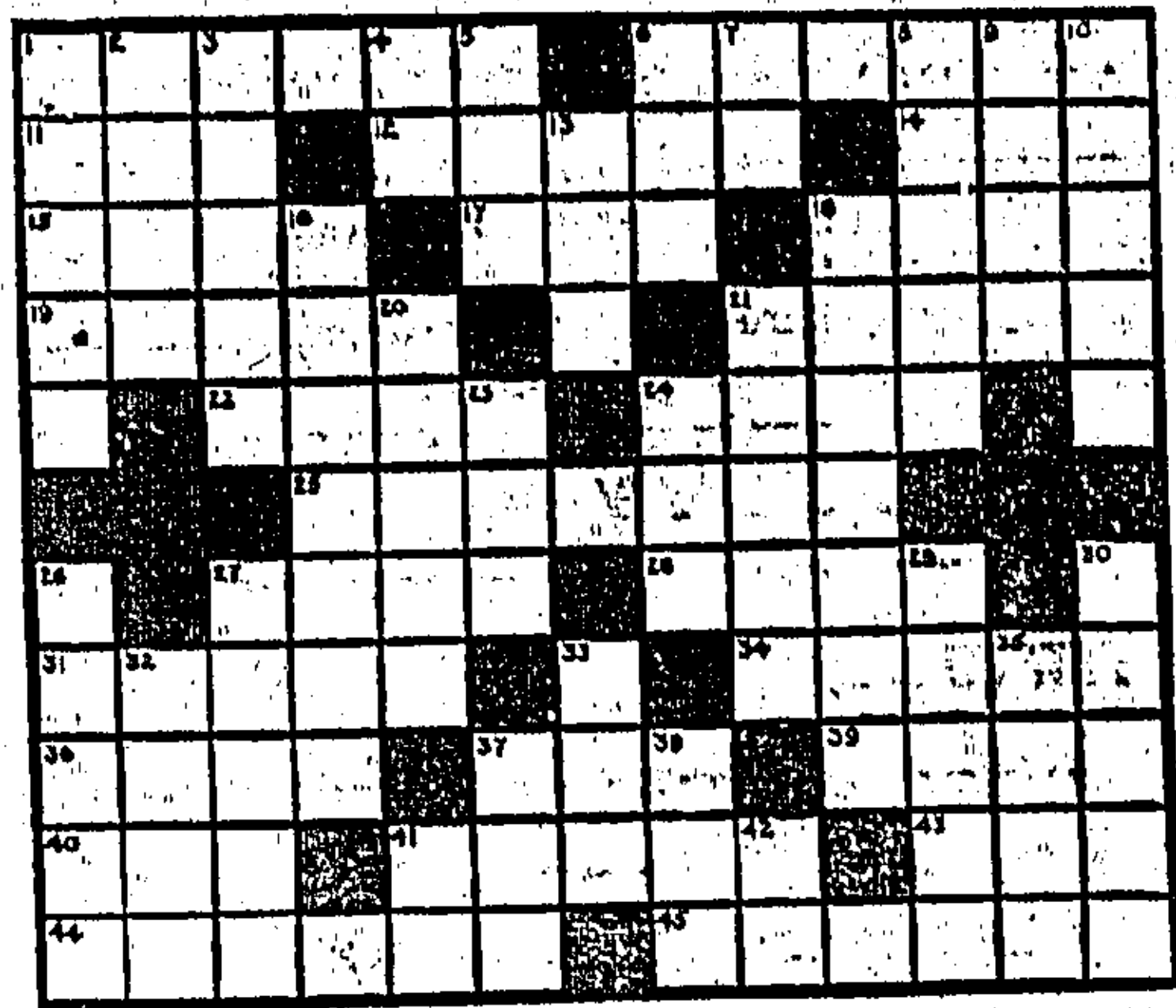
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

imitators in other countries. Similar amalgamations have followed in England and Switzerland, and in France also they are in process of taking the same course.

Preparations are in progress to bring these combinations into international touch.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



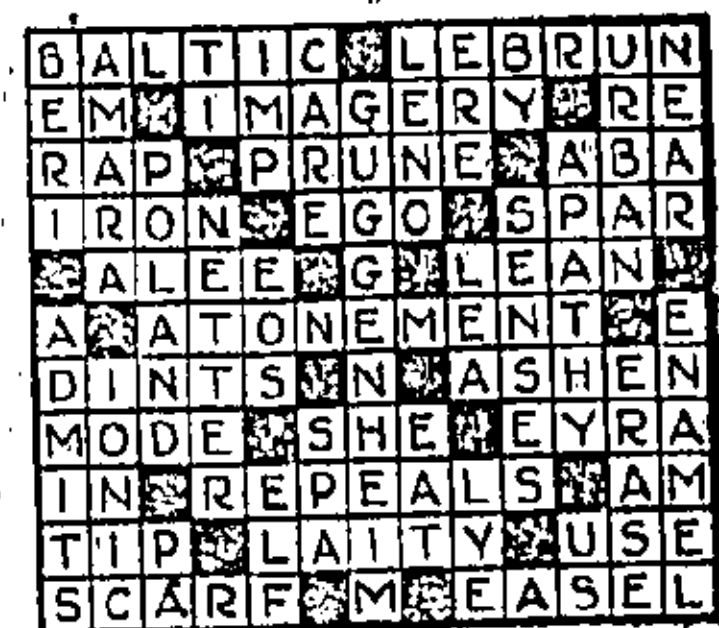
Across.

- 1 Who was the attorney general in President Wilson's cabinet?
- 6 What product is one of the chief exports of South America?
- 11 Beer.
- 12 Who led the Israelites out of Egypt?
- 14 Before.
- 15 To countersink.
- 17 Evil.
- 18 What is the manus in anatomy?
- 19 Leaf division of the calyx.
- 21 More painful to the touch.
- 22 Type of a duck.
- 24 Birds of the night.
- 25 Pertaining to marriage.
- 27 Manifold.
- 28 Jewel of delicate colours.
- 31 Back part of feet.
- 34 To lurk.
- 36 What engineer was the builder of the Mississippi River jetties?
- 37 Master tap.
- 39 To note the time of writing.
- 40 Silk worm.
- 41 Frenzy.
- 43 What is the sacred animal of India?
- 44 Localities.
- 45 Who was the famous German composer of the nineteenth century?

Down.

- 1 To resolve a sentence in its parts.
- 2 Opposite of a weather.
- 3 Jumps.
- 4 Standard of type measure.
- 5 To steal.
- 6 Scarlet.
- 7 You and me.
- 8 What class of animals belong to the family Ursidae?
- 9 Sea eagle.
- 10 To dry a second time.
- 13 To sink as bed springs.
- 16 What class of animals belong to the highest type of vertebrates?
- 18 Of what country was Louis Donaparte king?
- 20 Inclines.
- 21 Exchanges.
- 23 Twisted.
- 24 One of a Siouan tribe of Indians.
- 26 The raising of what animal forms the chief industry of Australia?
- 27 A soft mute.
- 29 To percolate through ashes.
- 30 Squints.
- 32 English title.
- 33 Two thousand pounds.
- 35 Tiny particle.
- 37 Possesses.
- 38 Child's napkin.
- 41 Myself.
- 42 Measure of area.

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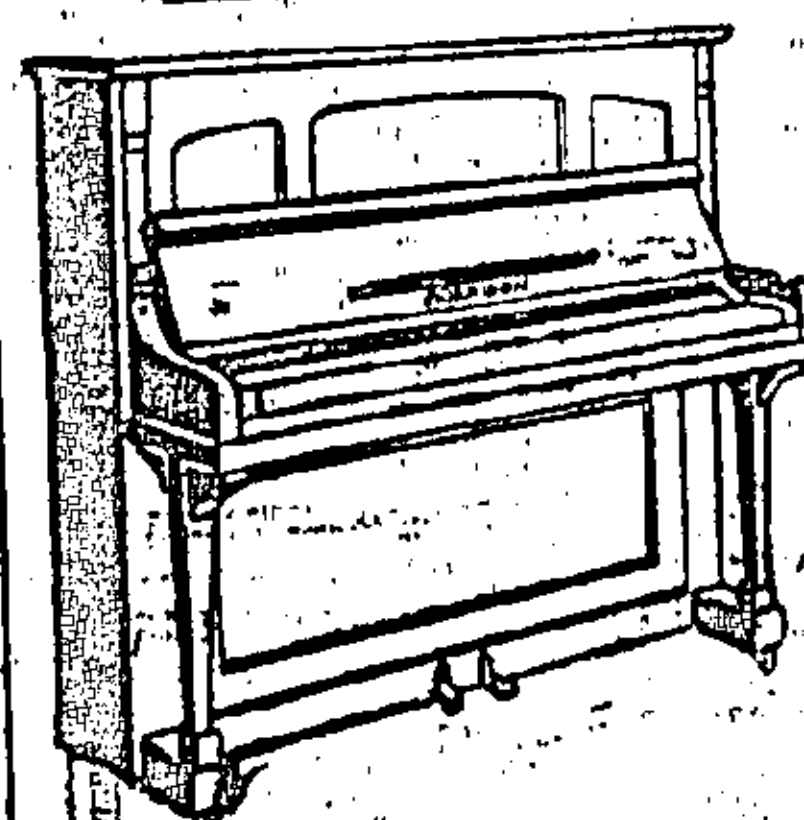
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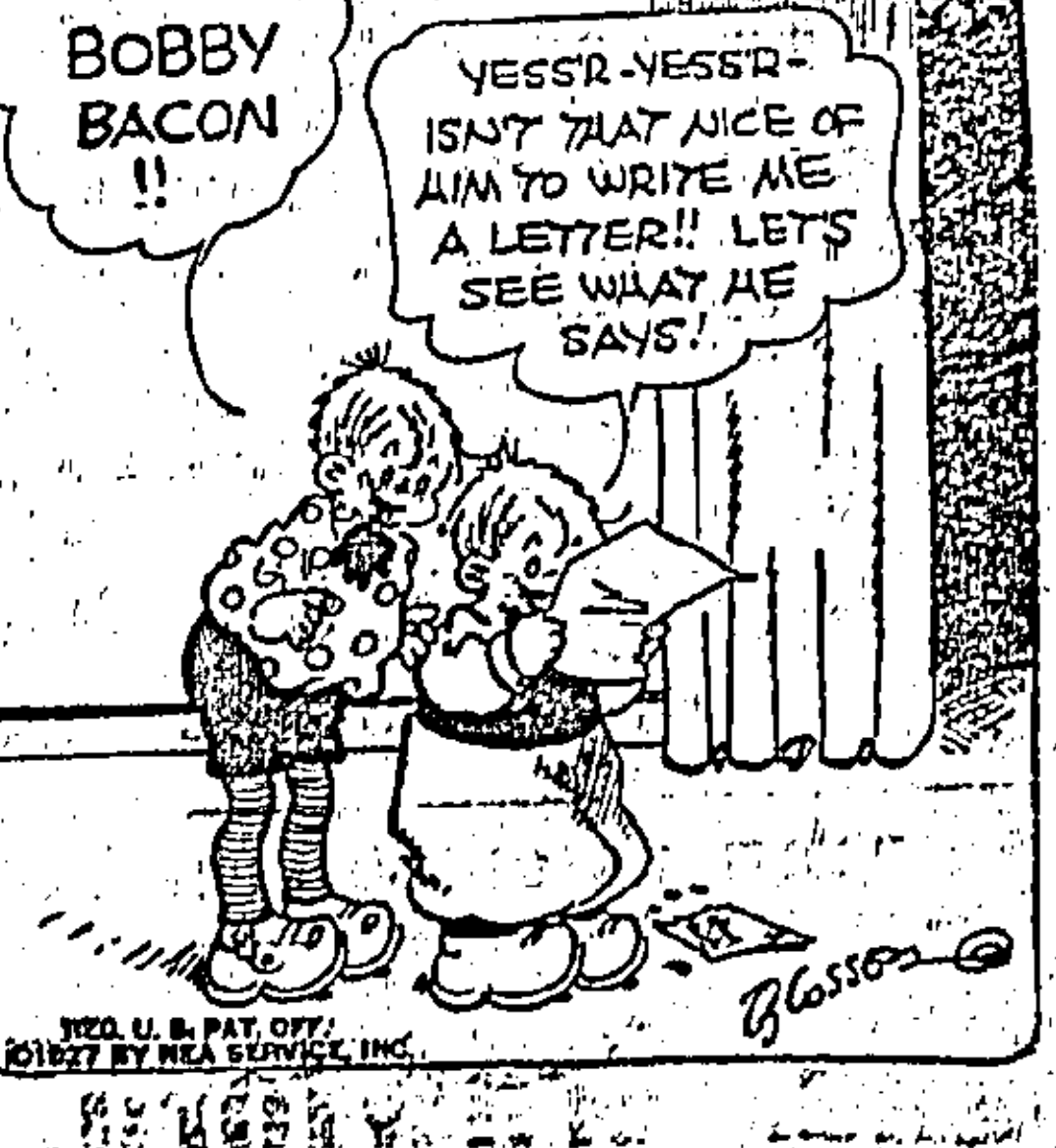
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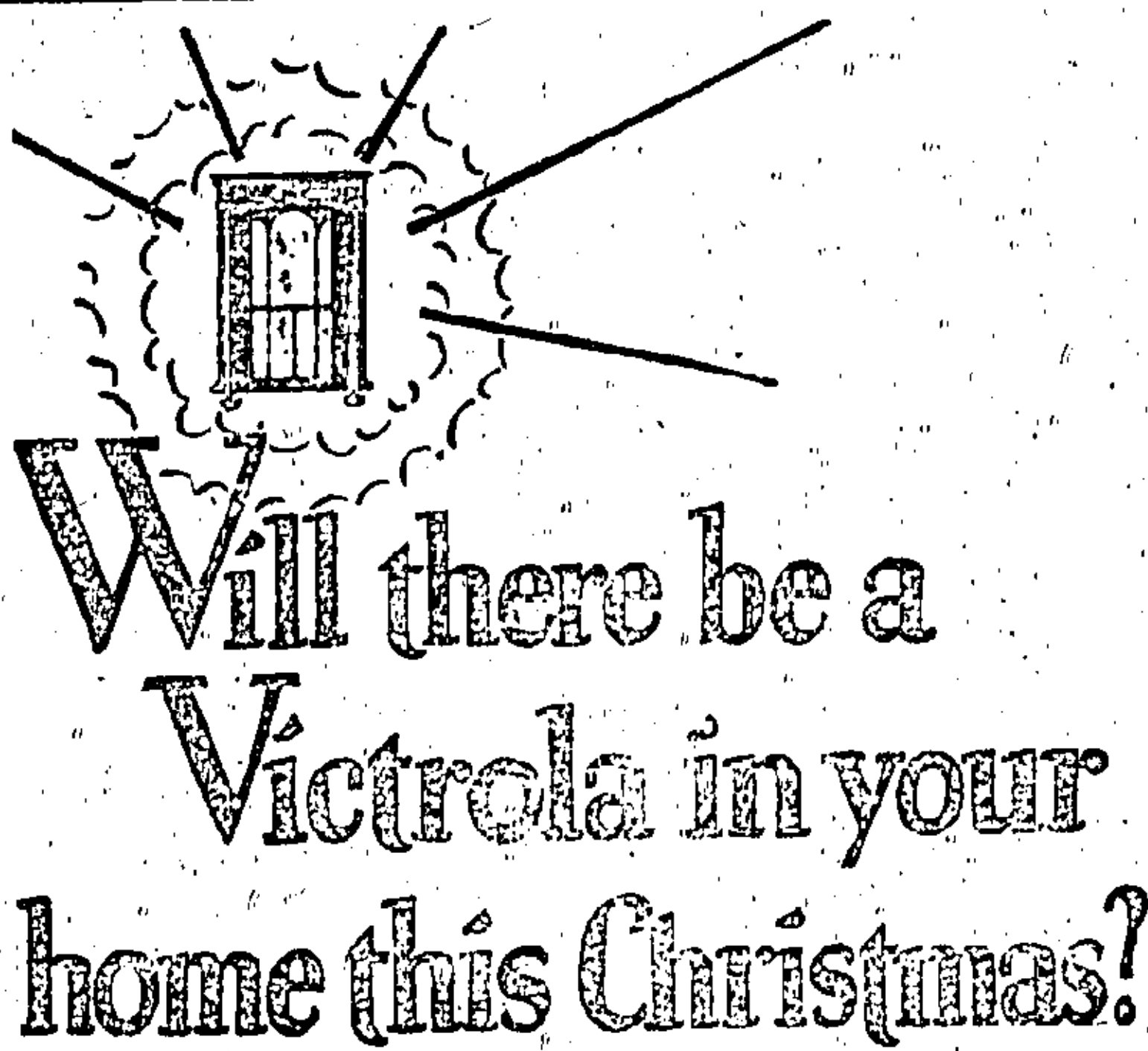
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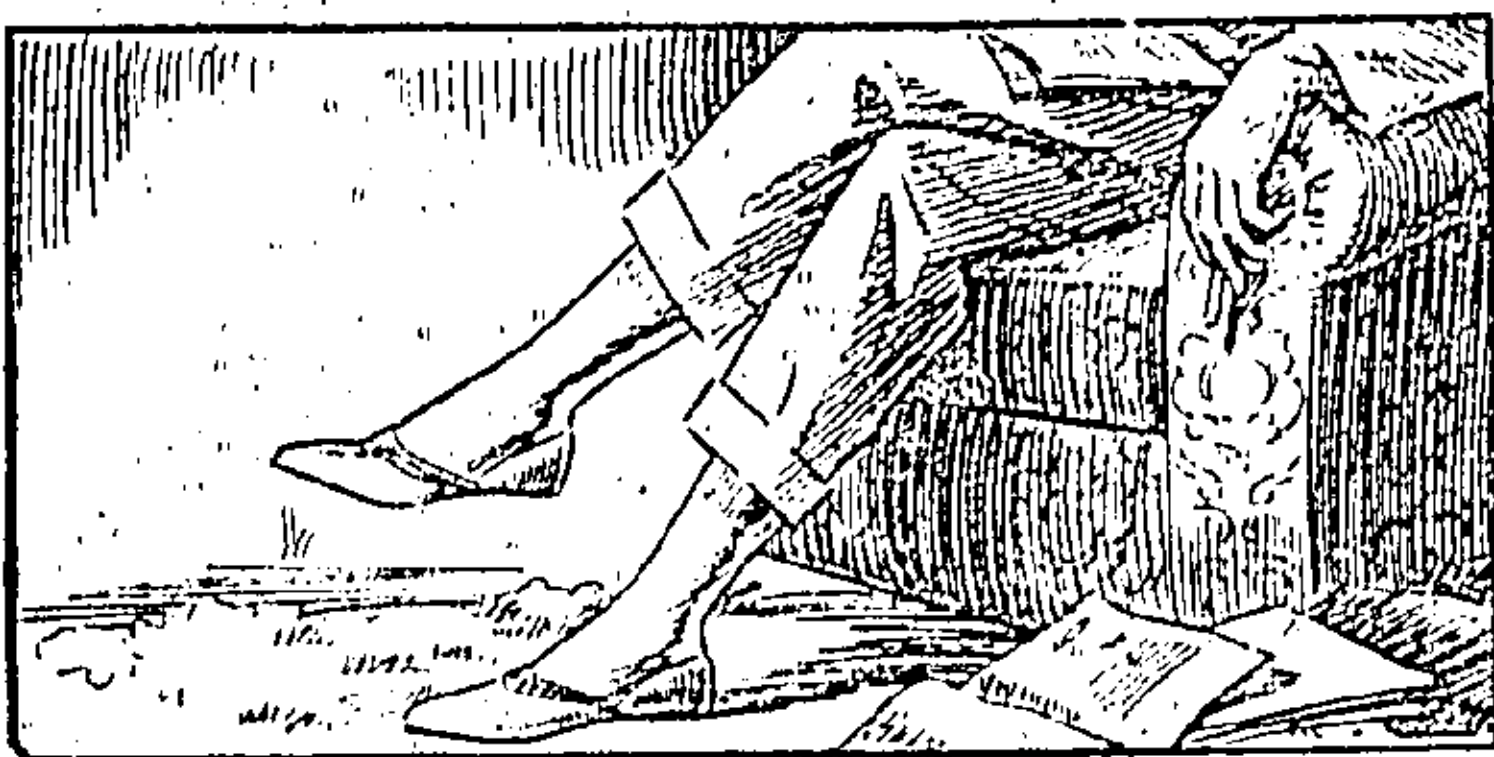


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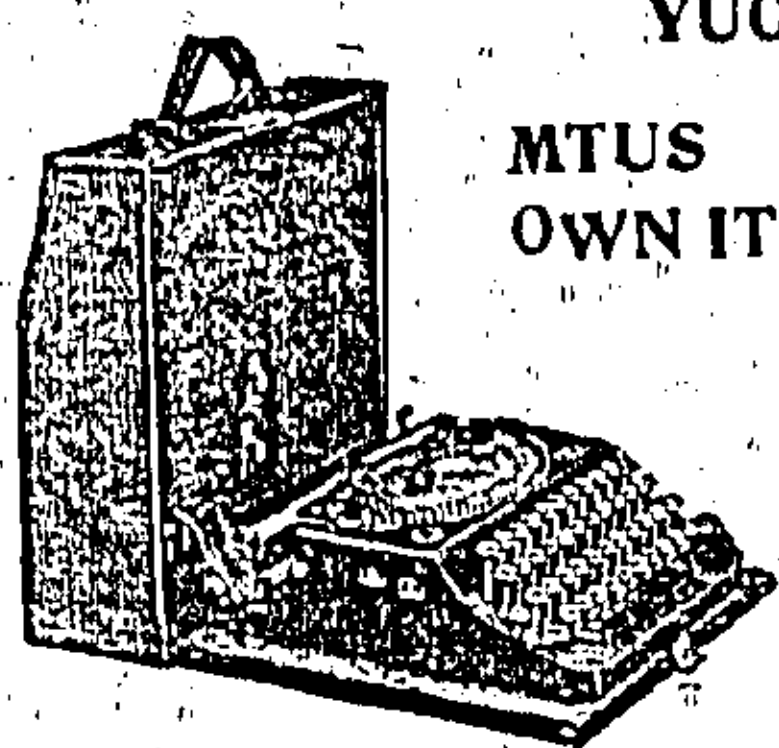
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AMERICAN POLICY.

There was a great deal of more than ordinary interest in the address by President Coolidge to Congress, earlier this week, and it is not surprising that two British Cabinet Ministers should have already found occasion to comment on what must appear to be certain inconsistencies in the presidential utterance. There is a distinct allegation that Britain did not meet the United States half way in the matter of naval disarmament, or restriction, at the abortive Geneva conference. In the course of the same statement there is reference, borne out by subsequent publication of the budget, that more appropriations are to be made for naval as well as land and aerial forces. This, as it happens, comes at a time when there is a preliminary conference at Geneva dealing with the possibilities of a general disarmament discussion in the near future. The result is not calculated to reassure those who have doubted whether America intends to participate actively in association with the other Powers, in binding herself under any disarmament convention which may be decided upon. It appears rather as if the United States, having all along held aloof from the League of Nations, intends to keep untrammelled her absolute freedom of action in foreign policy. To return to the President's address, we find the following outstanding declarations: "The Navy, like the Army, is a weapon of defence, but to meet our enormous national responsibilities, substantial sea armament is necessary. . . . We know now that no agreement can be reached which will be inconsistent with a considerable building programme. . . . We should enter no competition, but should refrain from no needful programme." Taken as the official utterance on American policy, that may be accepted as the defined naval programme of the administration.

It seems rather late to revive the controversy which arose immediately following the breakdown of the tripartite naval conference, but it is necessary to re-state the British viewpoint at the time, namely, that we are prepared to restrict our naval programme within reason. This infers that Britain's absolutely necessary defensive requirements

are not imperilled. She suggested at the Geneva meeting that her special position should be taken into consideration—a very far-flung Empire, thousands of miles of sea routes to be maintained if essential supplies were not to be cut off, and vast coastlines to protect. Britain asked for an allowance of a certain number of cruisers of adequate tonnage and armament. Apparently they would have meant a larger number than America contemplated building, hence the failure to come to an agreement. In a statement to the Republican National Committee, Mr. Coolidge emphasises, "We are determined not to enter into any covenant assigning the United States a secondary place among the naval Powers of the world." The inference is that the delegates to Geneva feared that the British proposals amounted to a first step towards placing the Americans in a secondary position. It has drawn the retort from two British Ministers, that America's policy is exactly Britain's, and thus it can be said that our standpoint at the three-Power parley was consistent and entirely defensible. It is unfortunate that there should be this appearance of disharmony in big international issues, especially between two countries which are so closely bound by traditions of origin and speech, and a very long friendship, but no nation can let any suggestion that it has unjustifiably put obstacles in the way of agreement stand unchallenged, when refutation is possible. The British Government can have no quarrel with the United States policy, but it must rightly point out that similar considerations actuate its own programme of naval defence.

Premium Bonds.

Once again the question of issuing premium bonds as a means of raising revenue has been brought up at Home, and it will be interesting to see the outcome of the present campaign. On this occasion, prominent Conservatives are taking the issue up, and there is a possibility that the Government may be approached on the matter if the project meets with a favourable reception. In the past, there has been considerable opposition shown to this method of raising revenue for the State, but we cannot say that this is based on very strong grounds. Premium bonds have the advantage of enabling money to be raised at a relatively low rate of interest, and the inducement to the investor, of course, is the hope of winning substantial prizes in the periodical drawings. The method has been quite a success in various Continental countries, and we cannot see any reason to think that it would be otherwise in England. Opposition to premium bonds usually takes the form that they encourage the gambling spirit, but there is this wide difference as compared with ordinary gambling—that the purchaser of the bonds risks nothing; he not only loses no money, but interest as well as repayment of principal is assured him. It is true that he gets a lower rate of interest than is usual, but he is quite willing to sacrifice a little under that heading in the hope of securing a big prize. We believe we are right in stating that premium bonds have been issued in Malaya, with much success, and we feel certain that here in Hongkong, as a Government venture, they would meet with a very ready sale.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 9.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.80
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.92 1/2
Helsingfors	105 1/2
Lisbon	27 1/16
Bucharest	17 1/8
Buenos Aires	47 1/8
Shanghai	1/10.19/82
Yokohama	1/10.19/82
New York	4.88 1/16
Geneva	25.27
Milan	80
Stockholm	19.09
Oslo	18.34 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	29.52 1/2
Athens	367 1/2
Rio	5.29/82
Bombay	1/6.1/16
Hongkong	2/0.3/8
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26.9/16

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE POSSESSION OF GREAT POWER NO DOUBT CARRIES WITH IT A CONTEMPT FOR MORE EXTERNAL SHOW.—Garfield.

The name of Mr. Arthur Mylo has been added to the list of authorised architects.

Messrs. Chellaram's special display and sale of oriental carpets will conclude on Wednesday next.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, which left Singapore at 7 a.m. on Friday, is due here at 4 p.m. on the 14th instant.

The Hospital Committee begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of parcels of literature from Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Pryde.

The Gazette intimates that as Mr. J. P. Braga is the only candidate for the vacancy on the Sanitary Board, he has been duly elected.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. John J. Muccio to act as a Consul for the United States of America in Hongkong, has received His Majesty's signature.

A master tailor, residing at No. 26 Gough Street, first floor, reported to the police yesterday that a foki absconded after collecting various sums of money from customers to a total value of \$180.

The licence for the celebration of marriages in respect of the Tang Lung Chau Tong has been cancelled, and in lieu thereof the Shing Kwong Tong (Church of Christ in China), at Sookunpoo, has been licensed.

According to a police report, a fairly large haul of arms, ammunition and dynamite was yesterday found on board trading junk No. 4996. The master has since been arrested for being in unlawful possession of the arms.

The wedding is taking place at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon of Lieut. J. de B. Wallis, R.N., and Miss N. S. M. Baldwin. The bride is to be given away by Lieut. V. Coates, whilst Capt. E. S. Bingham is to be "best man." Miss Luard and Miss Hayley Bell are to be the bridesmaids.

A report was made yesterday to the police by a Chinese residing at No. 64, Queen's Road East to the effect that his house was entered and a sum of money, together with a few articles of jewellery, was stolen, to a total value of \$703. Another small theft was reported from No. 22, Yuk Ming Street West Point, the thief succeeding in stealing \$83 in notes.

Glimpses of the havoc caused by the recent tornado in America estimated at \$75,000,000, are given in the topical gazette which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow along with the special comedy, "We're in the Navy Now." Another item in to-morrow's programme is a Prizma colour film showing the Royal family of Sivasland.

THE KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

SOME POINTS OF AGREEMENT.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.
The preliminary meeting yesterday afternoon agreed that the election of the political committee take place at the fourth plenary session; that the Nationalist Government be reorganised, with the powers definitely fixed; that all resolutions passed by the Wuhan party and the Nanking party since the split be reconsidered, cancelled or confirmed at the fourth plenary session; that all the members of the Kuomintang be re-registered after a rigid examination; that the fourth plenary session call a national conference of Kuomintang members and that the fourth plenary session be held at Nanking on a date to be fixed later.

It is understood that Wang Ching-wei and Sun Fo had a violent altercation during the meeting.

Yesterday evening the Nanking members were in conference. It is understood they are maturing plans to ensure the Nanking party's majority at the fourth plenary session and the exclusion of the Canton members, while Nanking has issued instructions for Chen Ming-chu's eleventh army in Fukien to march on Kwangtung.

This afternoon the Canton members were in conference at Wang Ching-wei's residence to discuss the advisability of attending the fourth plenary session at Nanking in view of the risks of personal safety and the probability of interference with free speech. The present indications point to rival fourth plenary sessions being convened at Nanking and Canton.—Reuter.

BEASTS OF PREY.

How they are Caught and Traded.

Just as the central markets for rice, cotton and coffee are not situated in the countries of origin, so the great centre for the trade in beasts of prey is not to be sought in Africa or in Asia but in the continent where most of them have long since disappeared, namely, in Europe. And the chief centre of that trade is Hamburg, close to which, in the park of Messrs. Carl Hagenbeck—the largest firm of importers—an almost endless variety of animals from all parts of the world may be seen in relatively natural surroundings such as cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

The capture and importation of big game involves many difficulties. Indeed, these difficulties begin prior even to the despatch of the expedition, since it is not always easy to obtain the requisite visas and permits for the complicated enterprise. Moreover, the catchers have to be given a complete training for their difficult vocation. There exist, for their calling, no schools and no schoolmasters. Consequently, the training is given in the firm's headquarters at Stellingen. For the beast-catcher the chief requisite is self-reliance, since everywhere, in bush and in steppe, he is his own master, while, as a rule, the most detailed instructions prove inadequate in actual practice. Again, the topographical and ethnographical conditions of the country to be visited must be carefully studied in advance. Thorough training in shooting, in ordinary photography and in chronophotography is essential; so too, is a fair share of business capacity, inasmuch as, either on the coast or inland, the beast-catcher has often an opportunity of purchasing useful objects from Indians, Arabs or natives, or even from Europeans.

The expedition into the interior requires a caravan to be got together and provisioned and a station for the reception of man and beast to be installed. When all this has been done and the traveller, by a study of the excrement, trail and track of the game, has accurately informed himself of its haunts, he may proceed to commence work.

The methods of trapping, the game vary greatly according to the character of the animal. Giraffes, zebras, gnus and certain large varieties of antelopes are hunted on horseback and lassoed. Elephants and rhinoceroses are frequently caught in laboriously constructed pits. In the course of a single year, a few of Hagenbeck's

travellers dug 42 such pits 4 metres in depth and 5 in length; the pits had to be visited and examined daily. Hippopotamuses are chased by dogs and the young ones caught with the lasso.

The traveller is strictly enjoined to spare the mother animal in every possible way, the use of the gun being permitted only in the event of an attack. Young lions are easily taken at dusk, while the lioness is out for prey, a method which naturally necessitates careful watching of the animal's lair. For capturing tigers use is made of large baited spring traps with doors closing automatically after the entrance of the animals. Apes are snared in the most various ways, all kinds of traps being employed.

So soon as a sufficient number of captures have been made, and the animals have become habituated to their environment, preparations for the home journey may be commenced. The traveller must first form a caravan for the transport to the nearest shipping or railway station. This is, again, a matter which demands great circumspection and much hard work. The young elephants, rhinoceroses, buffaloes, gnus and giraffes generally trot merrily along in the caravan; but the other animals, many of which are of considerable weight, have to be packed in cages and transported on ox-wagons or, if the roads permit, on small motor-cars.

But not even when the whole menagerie has been successfully stowed on board the ocean steamer, can the traveller think of relaxation; for the attention and nurture required by all the multitudinous creatures under his care make heavy demands upon his time and energy.

The first destination of the animals is Stellingen. Here they are placed in enclosures and habituated to the effects of their long voyage. This accomplished, they are distributed in all directions. Messrs. Carl Hagenbeck supply zoological gardens in all parts of the world. Among their customers, too, are menageries, circuses, showmen, estate owners and other private persons. The Zoological Gardens at Rome were constructed and fitted out entirely by the firm. At the present time, projects are being planned for execution in various countries, the character of the undertakings being such as to open out quite a new perspective in regard to the keeping of wild animals.

NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

THE GOVERNMENT LIST.

It is notified that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1928:

Public Holiday.

Empire Day.—Thursday, 24th May.

General Holidays.

Every Sunday.

The first week-day in January.—

Monday, 2nd January.

Chinese New Year's Day.—Monday, 23rd January.

The first week-day following Chinese New Year's Day.—Tuesday, 24th January.

Good Friday.—Friday, 6th April.

The day following Good Friday.—Saturday, 7th April.

Easter Monday.—Monday, 9th April.

Whit Monday.—Monday, 28th May.

The Birthday of His Majesty the King.—Sunday, 3rd June.

The first week-day in July.—

Monday, 2nd July.

The first Monday in August.—

Monday, 6th August.

The second Monday in October.—

Monday, 8th October.

Armistice Day.—Monday, 12th November.

Christmas Day.—Tuesday, 25th December.

The twenty-sixth day of December.

BANK RETURNS.

DETAILS FOR NOVEMBER.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th November, 1927, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are:

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank	15,170,684	5,835,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	40,251,133	34,090,000
Bank	1,679,615	630,800
Merchants Bank	1,679,615	630,800
Total	\$22,801,450	\$40,885,000

* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,267,000.

† In addition Securities deposited with the

HONGKONG NURSING SISTERS.

NEW PENSION RULES ISSUED.

The following amendment of the Pension Minute which appears in the General Orders of the Hongkong Government is published in the Gazette for information:

8—(1) Every European matron of a Government hospital, and every European nursing sister, who has served for a period of 10 years and has attained the age of 50 years, or who, irrespective of age, has served for a period of 20 years, may be allowed to retire and may be awarded a pension at the rate of ten-sixtieths of her salary with an addition of one-seventh-hundred-and-twentieth for each month of service in excess of ten years; at the computation at the said rate five-sixtieths of the salary will be added in respect of tropical allowance.

(2) Personal allowances equivalent to salary, referred to in clause No. 12 of this minute, shall in the case of every European matron and every European nursing sister referred to in this paragraph 8, who is entitled to free quarters, with other privileges (if any), be computed at the sum of \$50 a year or at one-sixth of the pay reckoned in the computation of her pension, whichever sum is greater.

(3) Every nurse whose case does not come within the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph but who, being eligible for a pension, has served for a period of 15 years or upwards may be allowed to retire on attaining the age of 50 years and may be awarded a pension at the rate of eighteen-sixtieths of her salary with an addition of one-seventh-hundred-and-twentieth for each month of service in excess of fifteen years.

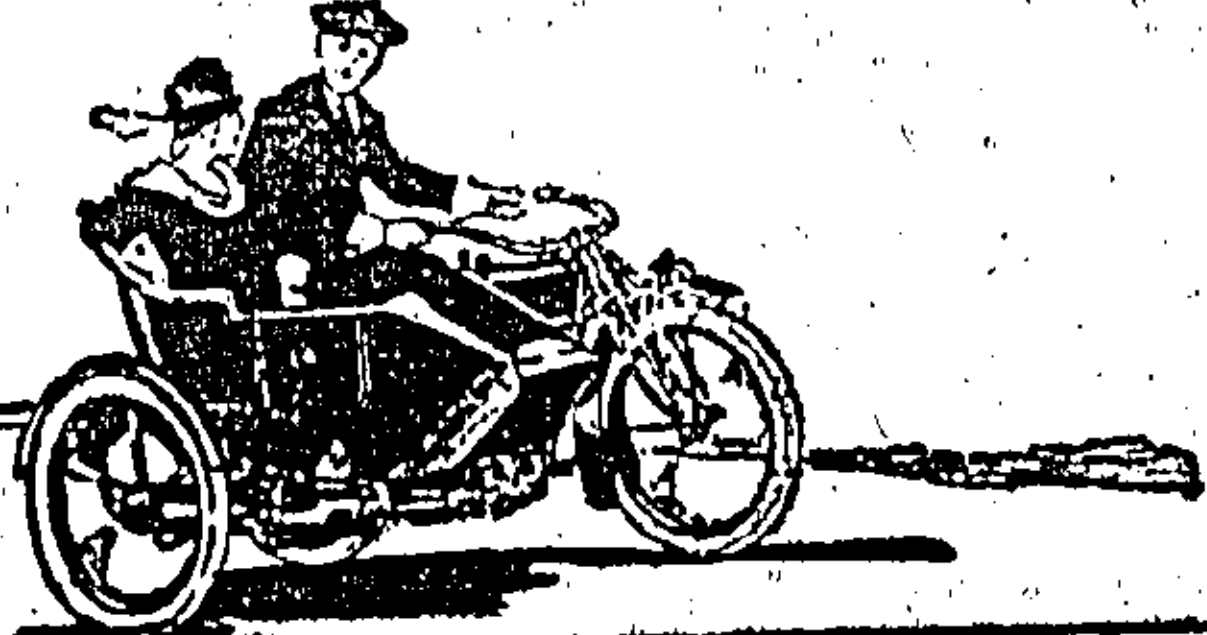
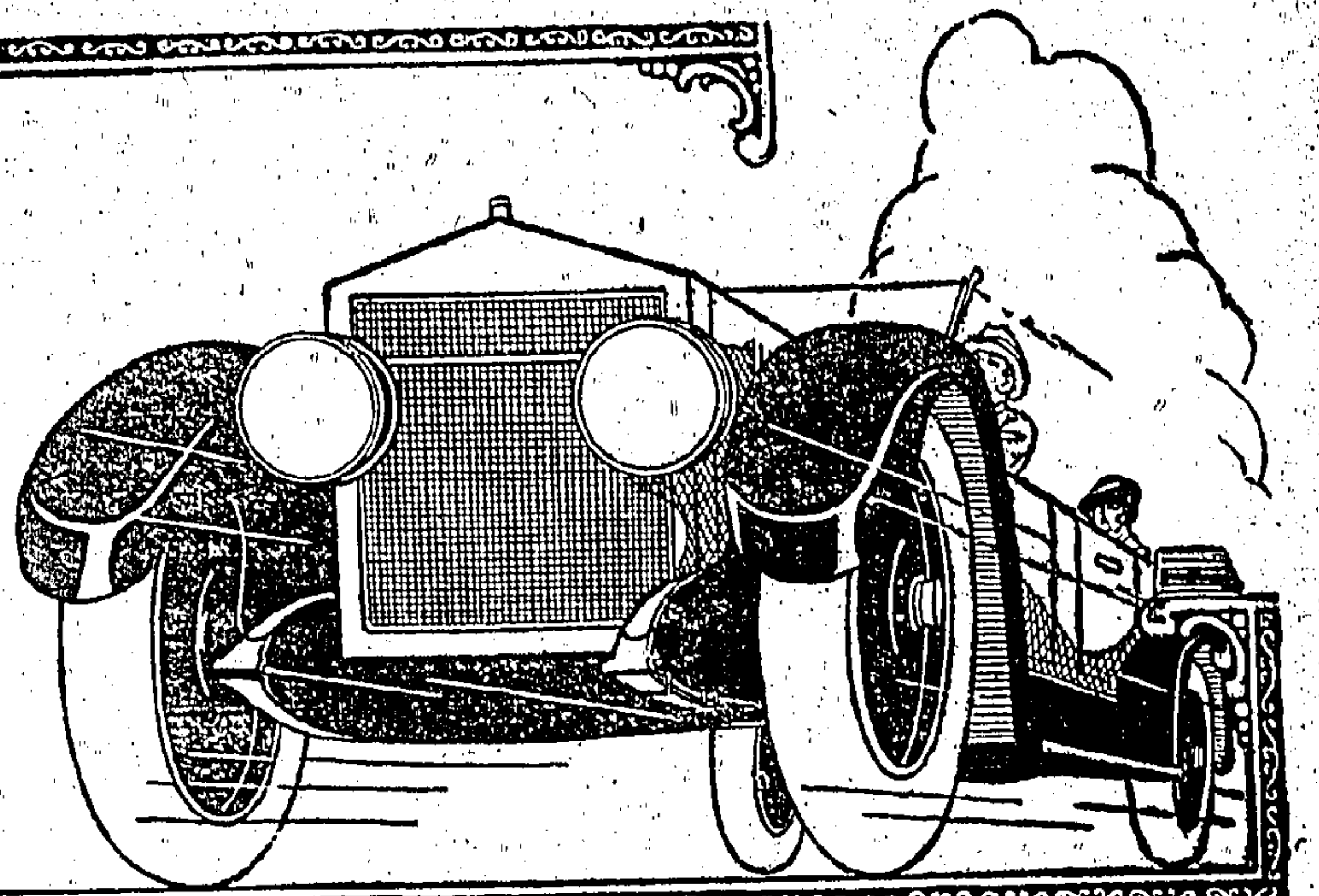
(4) The grant of pension to matrons, nursing sisters and nurses who have attained the age of 55 years or who retire before reaching the age of 55 on the ground of ill-health will be dealt with under the preceding paragraphs of this clause.

Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$1,267,000.

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MOTORING SUPPLEMENT

OF
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CURRENT COMMENT

Excessive Horn Blowing.

A number of motor drivers were recently prosecuted for sounding their horns unnecessarily, thereby causing a nuisance to the public. This offence is very objectionable to people employed in offices and complaints have been received from them. The Hongkong A. A. called the attention of the Police to this matter which has no doubt resulted in the present action being taken. We must say a number of motor drivers cause far too much noise, and although it is expected that a driver must on occasions sound his horn to give notice of approach or position of his vehicle, the present method used is out of the question. We may say that if the majority of these vehicles drove a little slower there would probably be less horn sounding required. It seems as though many drivers think by continually sounding their horns they are at liberty to drive through practically anything, irrespective of the nuisance caused by noise. As the magistrate rightly pointed out, continuous horn sounding will do more harm than good, as pedestrians will eventually take no notice as regards warning, becoming so accustomed to the noise made. We hope the publicity given and the action taken by the Police will result in some improvement.

Petty Thefts.

A number of thefts from motor cars have again been reported mostly from those that park in Chater Road and Connaught Road Central opposite the Star Ferry. We would like to suggest to motorists, that although perhaps a few yards further away, they should park their vehicles at the City Hall Square where an A. A. patrol is stationed all day. We are aware that all cars cannot park at this spot, but we must say we have never seen it full, and if motorists would take advantage of this stand the A. A. would receive some encouragement, and would no doubt extend the patrol. We

must admit that we have heard of cars being interfered with in various parts of the Colony, but we have not heard of a case where anything has been stolen from a motor car at City Hall Square during the time the patrol is on duty. Far more cars park there than formerly, no doubt owing to the presence of the patrol. There is room for more cars, and owner drivers who fear leaving their vehicles for any length of time would do well to try this place.

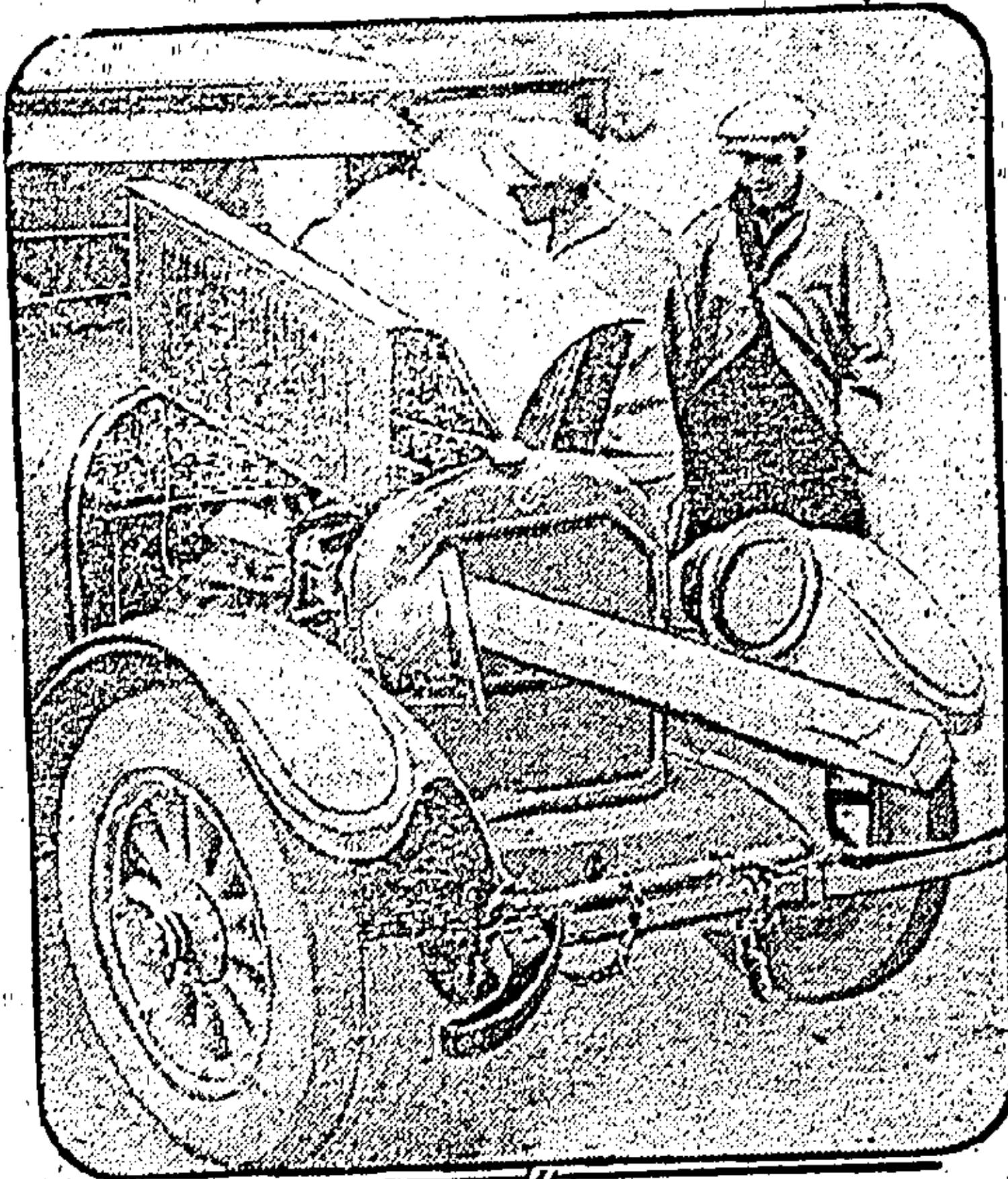
Rear Lights.

It is somewhat strange that motor cycles should not be required by law to exhibit a rear light, although, with four wheeled vehicles, illumination of the rear number is compulsory. It is quite true that motor cycles show the registration number on either side of the front number plate, and that the headlamp is supposed to illuminate it. In the majority of cases, the beam from the lamp is much higher than the plate, with the result that it is extremely difficult to determine the number of a cycle after dark. Motor cycles do carry a rear number, and we presume that a cyclist carrying a pillion passenger by day, whose dress obscured the number plate, would probably be summoned. We consider it highly advisable that motor cycles should be recognisable by night, and cannot understand why they should enjoy a privilege which motor cars do not.

"Carry by Sidecar."

In the world of commercial transport, the motor cycle combination is coming to its own for there are now designs available which will carry up to 5 cwt. at a cost of less than 1d. per mile. The light motor cycle with 175 c.c. engine and weighing under 200 lbs. will carry 1 cwt. about four miles for 1d.—excluding variable labour charges however. The Manufacturers' Union has devoted considerable attention to securing publicity for the commercial sidecar—"Carry by Sidecar" is its slogan.

WHEN NOT TO FALL ASLEEP.



This is an object lesson in when not to take a nap. M. P. Allen of Kansas City did, while driving at 35 miles an hour near Topeka, and crashed into a guard rail. The rail went through the radiator and on through the back of the front seat. Fortunately it struck between Allen and his son, who was beside him.

TO REPLACE VACUUM TANK SYSTEM.

Fuel Pumps Soon Expected.

The vacuum tank system of feeding fuel to the engine will be replaced, say fuel engineers, with the more direct pump in a very few years.

One moderate priced automobile is being produced with this type of fuel feed, after having tried it out for the last two years. And at least two other cars are expected soon to follow its example.

Thus the vacuum tank, considered a "marvellous improvement over the gravity feed system, gives way to a newer system now said to be proportionately superior.

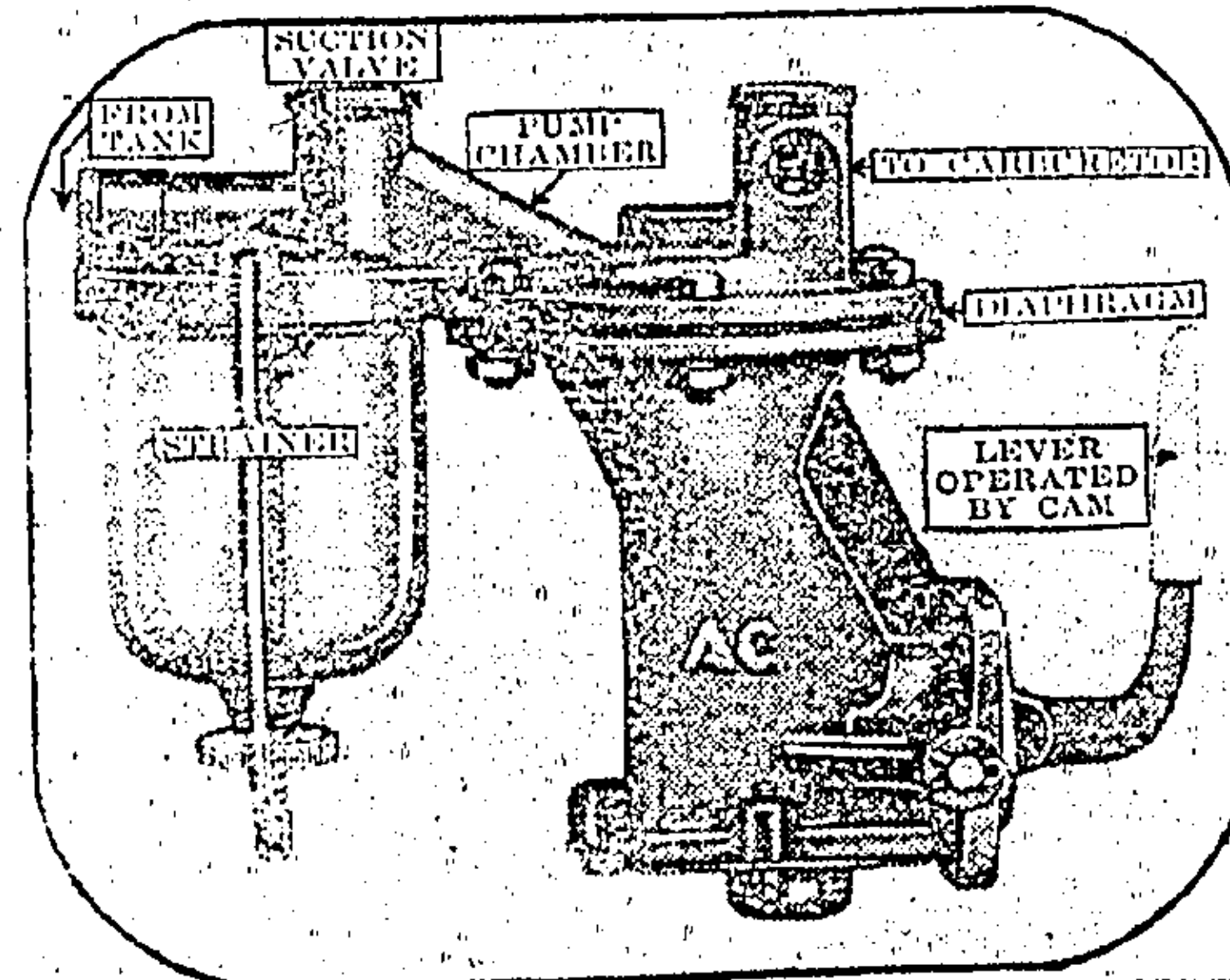
A. M. Babitch, research engineer of the A. C. Spark Plug Co. which is manufacturing the new type of fuel feed system, reminds us that the vacuum tank was merely a compromise between the inferior gravity tank and the superior but costly direct fuel pump, which has been in use on the high-priced car for many years.

Faults in Vacuum System.

He enumerates its disadvantages. "It is extremely hard to prime when the suction of the engine, as it is turned over with the starter, is low," Babitch begins.

"If its valves are out of order, or the float punctured, there is danger of sucking raw gas into the engine.

"It is most efficient when least gas is used and often doesn't supply enough gas when most needed.



It retards progress in engine and manifold development, since low vacuum manifolds or super-charged engines are impossible with vacuum tank feed."

More Direct Feed.

So the pump is devised to work from a cam in unison with the engine and pump gas through a strainer into the carburetor in proportion to the amount required. Thus when the engine speeds up, the pump speeds up with it, and when the carburetor bowl happens to be filled the suction of the pump is damped.

This is done by means of a suction diaphragm which works up and down through a linkage arrangement with the cam and sucks enough gas from the tank as is needed in the carburetor.

"The work done by the pump," Babitch explains, "is limited and is strictly in proportion with the requirements of the engine. That is, at no time can the pump deliver any more fuel than the engine can consume."

The pump itself is of a simple design and of sturdy construction, which assures its operation even beyond the life of the car itself.

AIR COOLED.

New French Six.

CONVERT TO SYSTEM.

There are now two six-cylinder air-cooled cars in production for the American "Franklin," long the pioneer, has been joined by the French Six, which was shown for the first time at the Paris Salon this month.

Owing to the use of overhead valves, designers of the French car had greater constructional problems than Franklin engineers, who merely cast all cylinders separately. The draught blown in from a turbine on the front of the crankshaft plays on the chamber enclosing the valves, allowing full space for an oil bath, yet cooling efficiently.

Air currents are forced to the heads of the cylinders and discharged at the base.

FROM ACETYLENE.

Benzol Production.

JAPANESE CLAIM.

Another synthetic car fuel is reported to have been discovered by Japanese chemists, who claim to produce benzol from acetylene gas. By the process employed, 60 to 70 per cent. of the acetylene becomes converted into benzol and of this about 50 per cent. distils over at a temperature below 150 deg. cent.

GO SLOW.

Reactionary Spain.

HARD ON THE KING.

Spain is evidently bent on making its roads safe for bullock wagons.

A new Government regulation in that country provides that motor cars overtaking others at a speed greater than 25 miles hour will be liable to a fine.

Probably his Majesty the King of Spain will be one of the first hailed before the Bench, for he is a motorist whose speediness verges on the reckless.

BURST TYRE PERIL.

Device That Prevents Accidents.

Many motor accidents have recently occurred through a punctured or a burst tyre leaving the rim of the wheel and causing an uncontrollable swerve.

At the Olympia Car Show special rims and tyres which preclude the possibility of such accidents were a special feature.

A popular light car was chosen for a test, and first a slow puncture test was given. As the tyre went down, the car was braked violently and driven in zigzags and figures of eight, extremes which no motorists could possibly undertake on the road.

The tyre remained on the rim, as when inflated.

Afterwards a burst tyre test was shown. The tyre was suddenly cut by a stool attached to the mudwing.

A similar burst, this time at speed, was then tried, and later the car was driven round a sharp corner, first on a properly inflated tyre to indicate the limiting speed at which the cure could be done and then with a deflated tyre at almost the same speed. The tests were first done on the rear tyres, and then repeated upon the front tyres.

H.K.A.A. DINNER.

Next Friday's Function.

Everything indicates that next Friday's Dinner Dance organised by the Hongkong Automobile Association, will be most successful. The event is to be held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, and a room adjoining has been reserved as a rendezvous for members and their guests. Those who have not yet booked seats, should make a point of doing so as early as possible next week.

TIMELY HELP.

Stranded on the Manacles.

An unusual sight was recently witnessed when the Coverack Lifeboat was called out to rescue the crew of the s.s. Gwentland, which had stranded on the Manacles, off the South Cornwall Coast near the Lizard.

Owing to a dead calm the Lifeboat, one of the sailing type, would have had to row out, entailing perhaps a disastrous loss of time. Fortunately there was in Coverack a fisherman, owner of a 22 ft. open motor boat fitted with an Ailsa Craig Kid marine motor engine. He rendered a vital service by towing the heavy 40 ft. Lifeboat to the scene of the wreck, and after successfully rescuing those on board the Gwentland, towed them safely back to port in the Lifeboat. This is a fine instance of the value of a reliable motor engine in saving life at sea.

DIFFERENT MODELS.

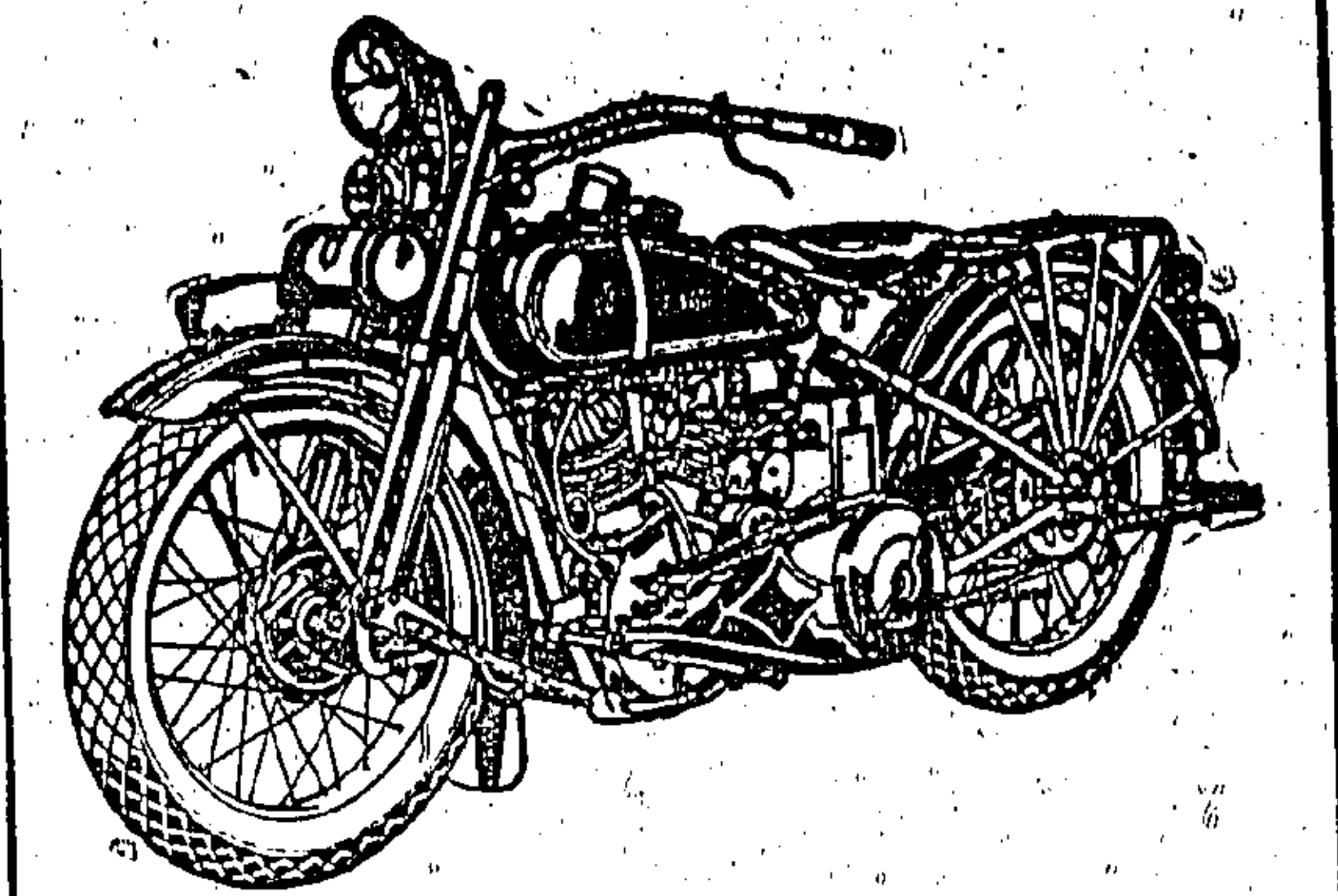
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Though the new Ford was to have been exhibited at the Olympia Motor Show in England, the showing had to be postponed.

The official explanation of the postponement by the Ford Motor Co. states that the work of installing new tools in their Manchester and Cork factories has advanced more rapidly than was anticipated, and that these factories will soon be producing new models.

Therefore, it was considered preferable to display the new British Fords rather than imported American models. Cars made in Britain, it is said, will differ in important particulars from the American Fords, as they have been specially designed for the British and Continental market.



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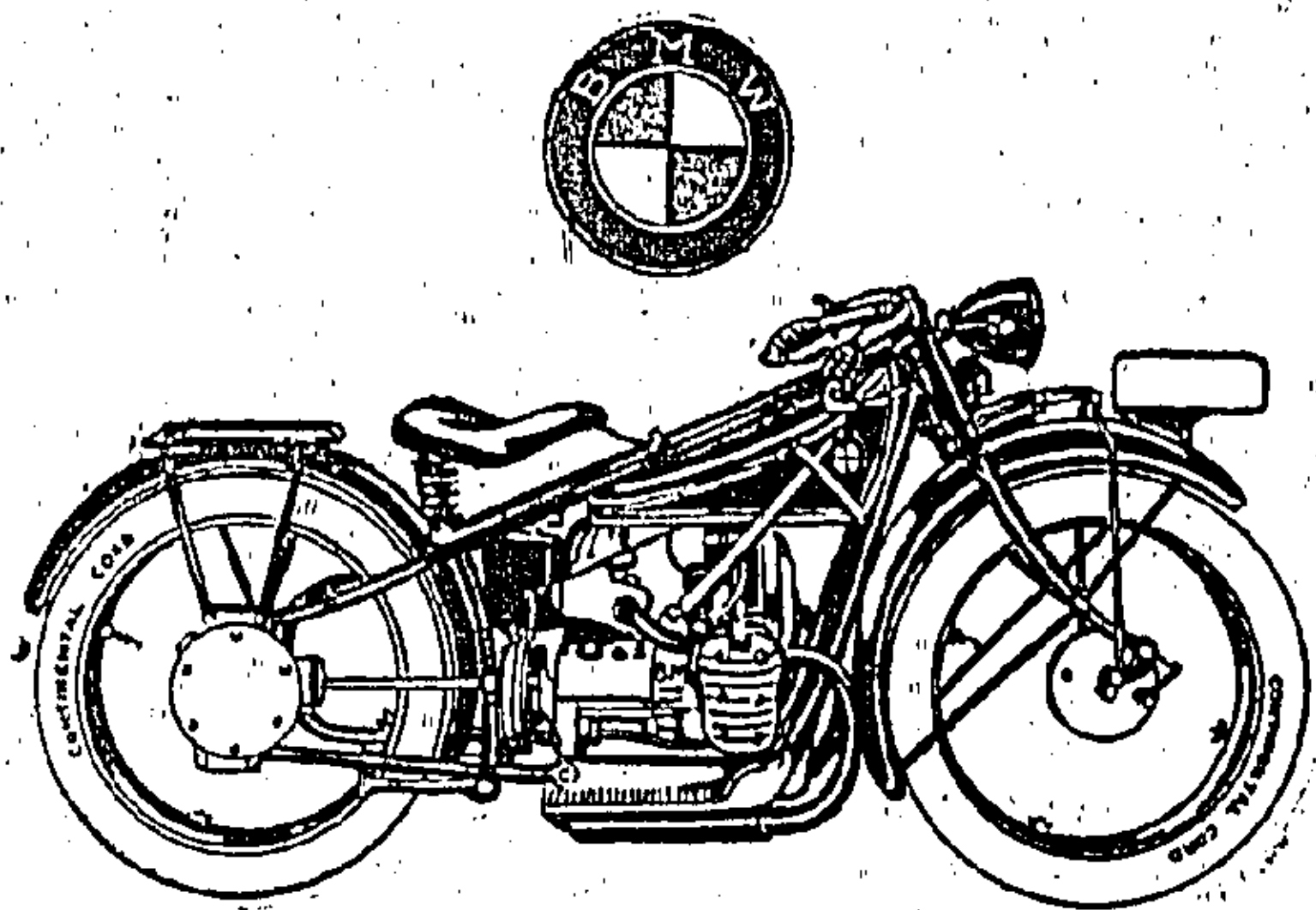
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An extremely interesting journey of over 8,000 miles has just been completed in a Chevrolet touring car by Mr. Charles Brant, representing a big firm of machinery suppliers. Mr. Brant's work takes him into different States, and his long journey has just been satisfactorily and successfully completed in the Chevrolet. This Chevrolet tourer had already accomplished 14,000 miles when Mr. Brant left on his long journey into the interior of Queensland. It is a 1925 model, but is in thoroughly sound mechanical order to-day in his Melbourne garage despite its long and gruelling adventure in the roadless heart of Queensland.

Mr. Brant left Brisbane on June 22 by the back road via Esk and Nanango, and reached Rockhampton, which in turn he left for Emerald. The next stretch was to Longreach, 300 miles distant. From Longreach he travelled via Hughenden, and from Hughenden cut through Wongalee station up to the Atherton Tablelands and on to Charters Towers.

Speaking of his earlier experiences of "roads," Mr. Brant says that within 20 miles of leaving Brisbane, he lost all traces of metal, and his track led over swamps and stony ridges of every description. In some places were deep washways, about 20ft. wide and 10ft. deep. It was necessary to do down these washways in low gear very carefully, and as carefully to ascend the difficult wall on the other side. He struck these washways about every five or six miles for some distance. Mr. Brant also had considerable experience in the prickly pear country.

Breaking a Record.

In the Charters Towers neighbourhood Mr. Brant broke the record over some of the worst country round about. On a stretch of 33 miles, through mineral reef country, and over breakaways and rough scrub of every description, he travelled in one and a half hours, beating by half an hour the best previous record.

Later on he found the Horton River in flood. He waded through and found the water about 3ft. deep. Returning to the car he took sundry precautions to safeguard his trip through the river, got into the car, and drove straight through. The water

went right over the battery and through the flooring boards into the car. However, the Chevrolet was quite all right on the other side, and away it went without delay. The route through the Rattray billabongs and swamps was marked "impassable," but Mr. Brant and the Chevrolet got through successfully, and without any break in schedule time. The only river over which Mr. Brant had to "truck" the car was the Burdekin, with 8ft. of water. The Chevrolet went across in a bullock cart with 15 bullocks in the lead.

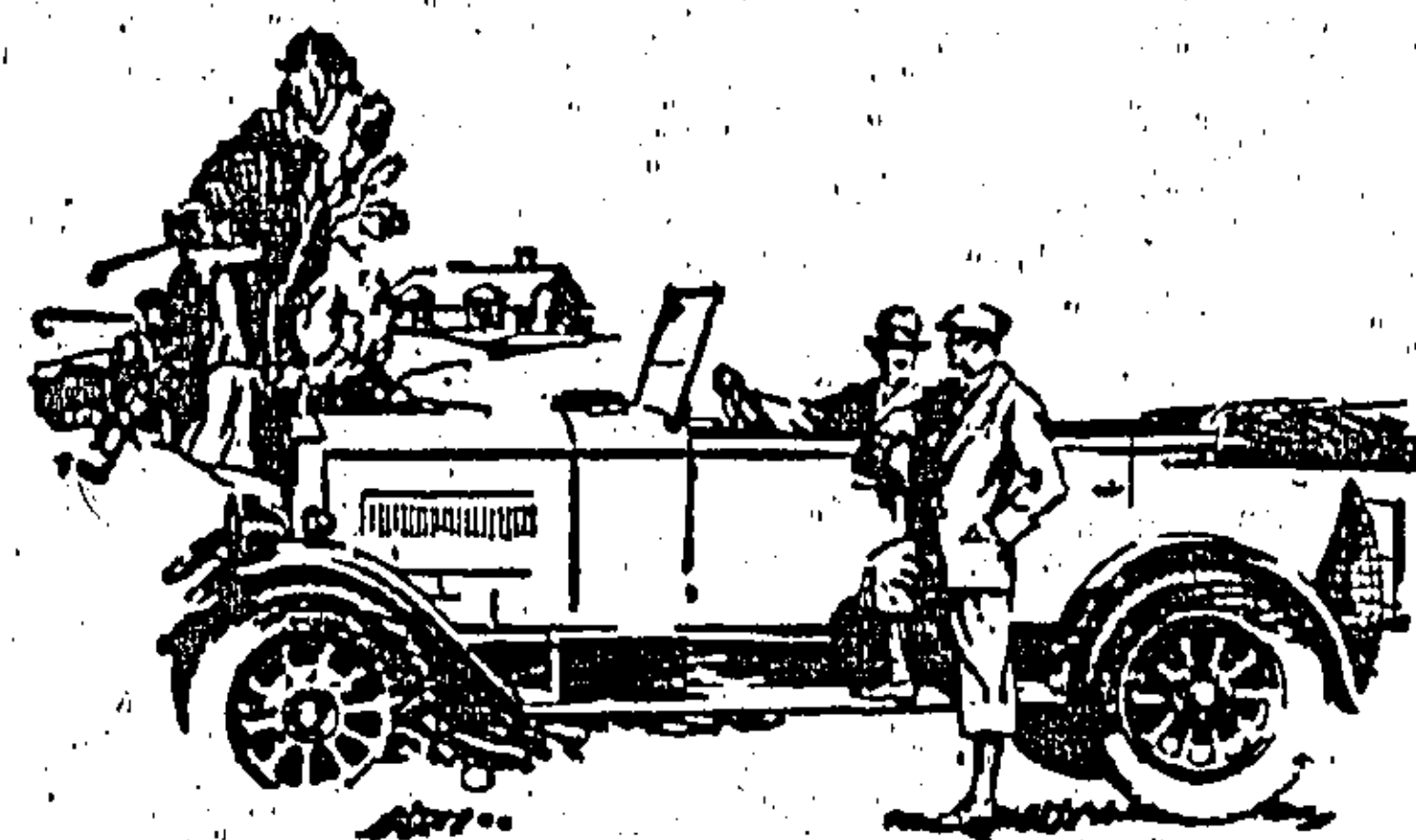
Mr. Brant stayed a while in Proserpine, where there is somewhat of a thriving industry in shooting alligators, which are worth quite a tidy sum apiece. It is a risky business, for the alligator's vulnerable spot is "between the eyes." Mr. Brant also motored through Roma, and had a look at the Roma oil bore.

G.M.C. Popularity.

Speaking of motoring in the heart of Queensland, he says that the products of General Motors were to be seen everywhere; both cars and trucks being responsible for some splendid pioneering work over some of the worst transport routes in the world. Buick, he says, is the selection of many of the big station owners, while Chevrolet "is everywhere," and Pontiac has a strong following, as have other products of General Motors.

Mr. Brant is off again on another big interstate trip, which will cover a great deal of the ground over which he travelled before, and he thinks he may take a Pontiac on this occasion, a car for which he has a decided fancy. In any case, after his experiences with Chevrolet it will certainly be either a Chevrolet or a Pontiac.

His route was up to schedule all the time, and the total expenditure for repairs on the 8,000-mile journey was under £5—"a splendid record," considers Mr. Brant. His average of petrol to the gallon worked out on a most economical basis, and the same satisfactory condition existed in regard to oil consumption. The Chevrolet carried a big weight on the trip, but arrived in Melbourne mechanically in excellent condition, and ready to add many more miles to the 23,000 which she has already so successfully accomplished.



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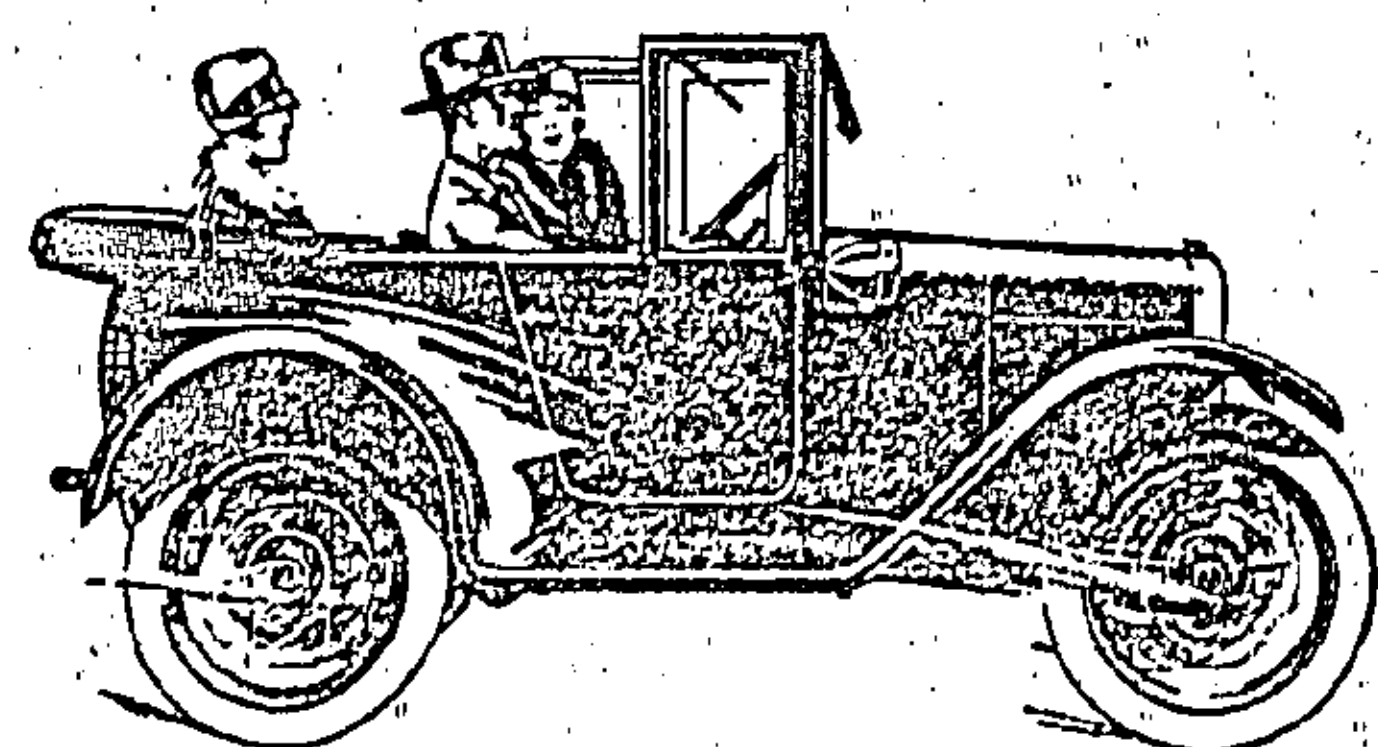
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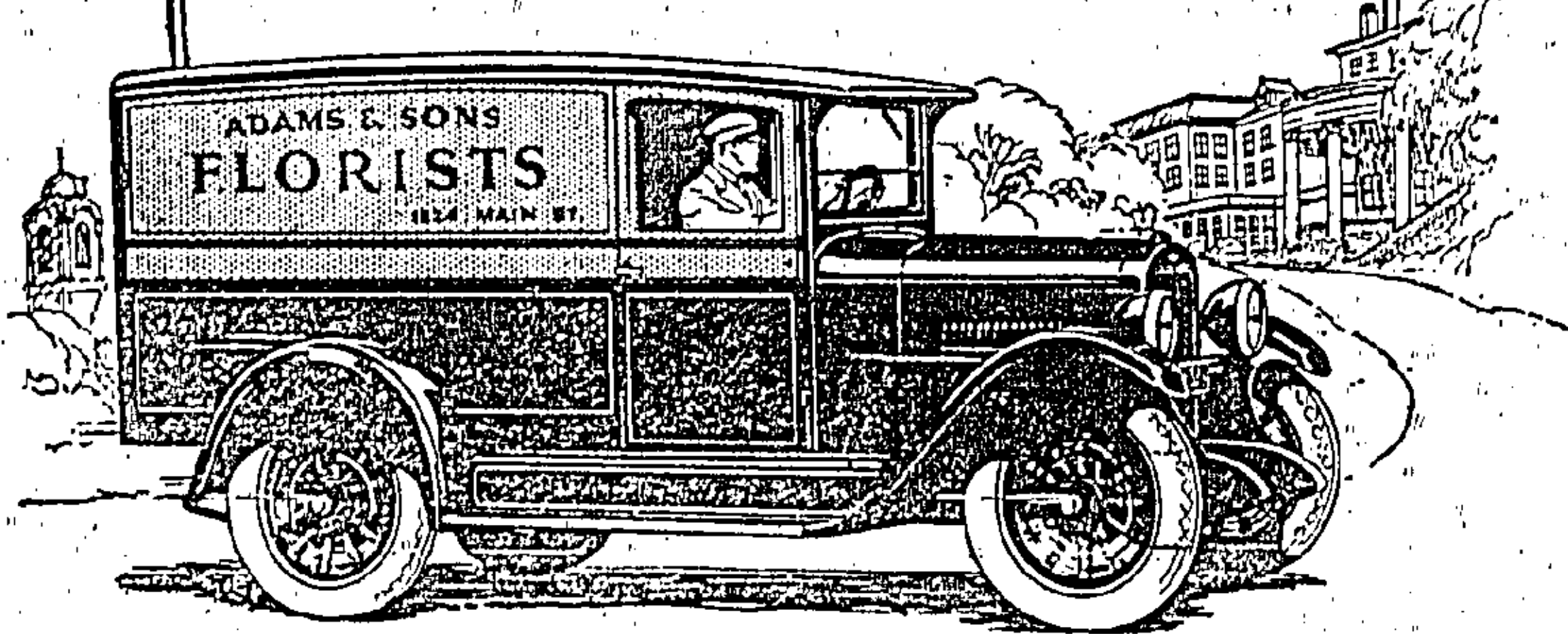
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That's a switch—ignition,
An' this for lights, when dark

When it's hot or muggy
Let the windows down;
She's some struggle-buggy
In her Paris gown.

Like to feel her runnin'?
Hear her engine's beat?
Come, we'll take a sunnin',
Give the town a treat.

Now we'll soon be trotten'
Pretty slick and smart.
Notfin' I've forgotten?

(Curtain falls to denote lapse of half-an-hour and to insulate the audience from the inflammable language.)
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Experiences in Record Attempt.

It has been said that "Fortune favours the brave." From this story of the experiences of Messrs. Mayor and Woodward, the two intrepid motorists, who recently created a new record by driving a standard model Buick around Australia, it would appear that they fully qualify for the favours of good fortune. To complete a circuit of the continent—9,656 miles—in 37 days, 19 days' actual driving time, requires more than usual resourcefulness and courage on the part of the motorist. The roads round Australia vary from the concrete or macadamised roads of capital cities and suburbs to the black soil bogs in parts of Queensland, to the dusty camel pads and creek crossings with hidden quick-sands of the Northern Territory, and the wild north-west of Western Australia.

No car driver whose experience of touring is limited to a week-end jaunt along well-made roads, replete with sign-posts and other traffic guides and "Safety First" signs, can fully appreciate the nerve-racking ordeal confronting any man who sets out to break a record around Australia. For a tour, on which the motorist can take his or her time the trip around Australia would not hold anywhere near the same exciting experiences, such as were recounted by Messrs. Mayor and Woodward in a recent interview on their return to Melbourne.

Road Blindness.

Mr. Mayor gave a most interesting description of some of their experiences.

"One of the worst troubles," he said, "was road blindness; a curious mental state brought about by continuous driving at high speed, which manifested itself in a queer fashion. One sees things that are not on the road and sometimes, unfortunately, one doesn't see things that are

on the road. The effect is purely psychological." "For example," he went on, "I saw across the road in front a gate outlined with perfect distinctness, I jammed on the brakes and got out of the car, but peering down the road the gate was no longer to be seen—it had disappeared like a mirage. Similar experiences with imaginary horses and people happened both during day and night driving. This was probably because we drove alternately until exhausted, when we pitched our camp.

"We had sleeping bags with us, and more often than not, we put where the tariff is nil, and one is up at the 'Star and Moon' Hotel, repaid with most refreshing repose even although sleeping on the hard ground.

"Here is a hint for others who may be caught on the sandy camel pads in the far North. We could not possibly get through a 16-mile stretch of sand with the tyres at full pressure, so we pulled up and flattened the back tyres, reducing the pressure from 35 to 20 lb. We then pulled through on top gear. The Dunlop balloon tyres we were using stood up to this terrific test remarkably well, as our gross weight was 2½ tons. We owe much of the success of this record tour to Plume Motor Spirit and Gargyle Mobiloil, and we could not speak too highly of the service of the Vacuum Oil Company, which was wonderfully efficient throughout the whole circuit of Australia. Supplies had been laid down for us everywhere and representatives of the company met us at the various stopping places and rendered us valuable service.

"Although the trials and tribulations of a record-breaking trip are severe, at times they are more than compensated for by profoundly interesting scenes. Across a big tract of country known as the Cemetery Plains we passed by a countless number of the mysterious magnetic ant hills. There were structures, raised by the tiny ant, stand 20 ft. out of the ground like huge knife blades, the edges of all of them pointing magnetic North and South. By moonlight these weird ant hills looked like a cemetery full of giant grave stones.

"Station owners throughout the route were most hospitable. Their kindness and assistance went a long way towards making our trip more pleasant. Throughout the whole circuit no hostile blacks were seen at all, so that any one wishing to go round Australia on a tour need have no fear on that score. We were fortunate in having fine weather, as between Katherine and Darwin there are 92 creeks to be crossed, and no bridges. Fortunately for us they were mostly dry beds.

An interesting fact common to all around Australia trips and interstate records is that they have all been done on Plume motor spirit and Gargyle Mobiloil, with the exception of one speed record, when, however, Plume spirit was used.

SHELL IN AUSTRALIA.

Progressive Methods.

To keep pace with the phenomenal development of motor transport during the last 20 years has meant unflinching effort and enterprise on the part of those who have had to cater for the new requirements—especially as regards fueling and lubrication.

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MOTOR CYCLING TOUR.

B.S.A. Round the World Tourists.

The latest advices received from the World Tourists, Messrs. Cathrick and Casley, who are circling the globe on B.S.A. 9.86 h.p. machines, speak of their wonderful "no trouble" run across India from Bombay to Calcutta, a distance of 2,000 miles. From Calcutta they sailed for the F.M.S. and the Dutch East Indies, passing through Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Batavia and Sourabaya, much interest being shown in the tour in all these towns.

From Sourabaya the tourists sailed for Australia, landing at Fremantle on May 28, having covered 13,000 miles of their projected tour.

Australia, the first British Dominion reached, welcomed them right royally, and despite the fact that their visit at first coincided with that of the Duke and Duchess of York, or perhaps because of it, much public interest was aroused and all newspapers in the districts through which the riders passed made much of the tour and the riders.

From Fremantle the tourists travelled across Australia by way of Perth, over 2,100 miles of desert, to Adelaide, then by way of Ararat, Ballarat and Geelong to Melbourne. At each town they were given a civic reception by the Mayor. At Adelaide they were also officially greeted by H.M. Trade Commissioner for South Australia, Mr. Samuels. On arrival at Melbourne, they found a crowd of between two and three thousand people to greet them. The following day they were officially received by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, who stated that he was an old rider of B.S.A. bicycles. During their stay in Melbourne several official and semi-official functions were held and Mr. Cathrick broadcast a talk from 3LO Melbourne.

From Melbourne the tourists crossed to Tasmania, where they received an even greater reception than they had in the other States. At every town through which they passed they were accorded a Civic Reception, and practically all Launceston and Hobart turned out to greet them on arrival and departure. They were received by the Governor of Tasmania at Government House, Hobart, and the Governor was also present at a dinner given to them at Launceston.

From Tasmania they returned to Melbourne and from there commenced a 600-mile journey to Sydney, where, according to schedule, they were to embark for New Zealand. No details of this portion of the tour are yet to hand, but there is no doubt that they would be accorded as enthusiastic receptions as they had during their tour from Fremantle to Melbourne.

From New Zealand the tourists were to sail for Valparaiso, and from there cross the Continent of South America, including the Andes, to Buenos Aires. From Buenos Aires they are to sail for Cape Town, for a tour of South Africa, and thence back to England, to complete an hitherto undreamt-of World tour.

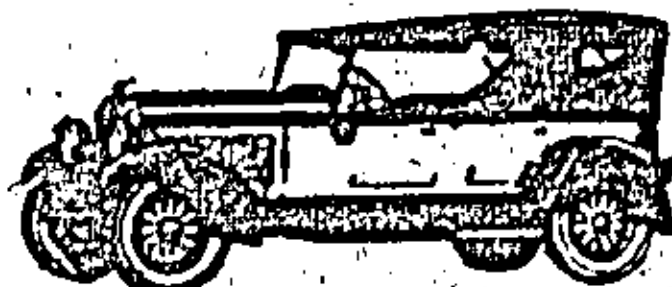
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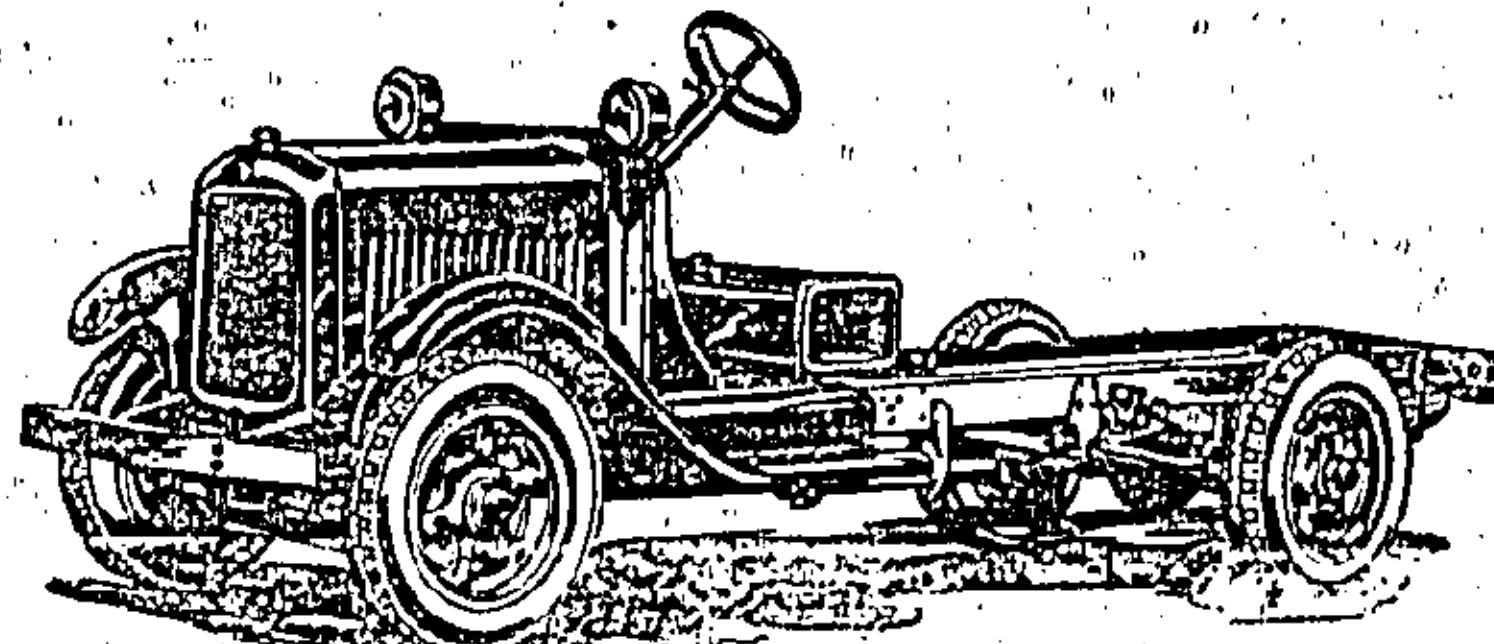
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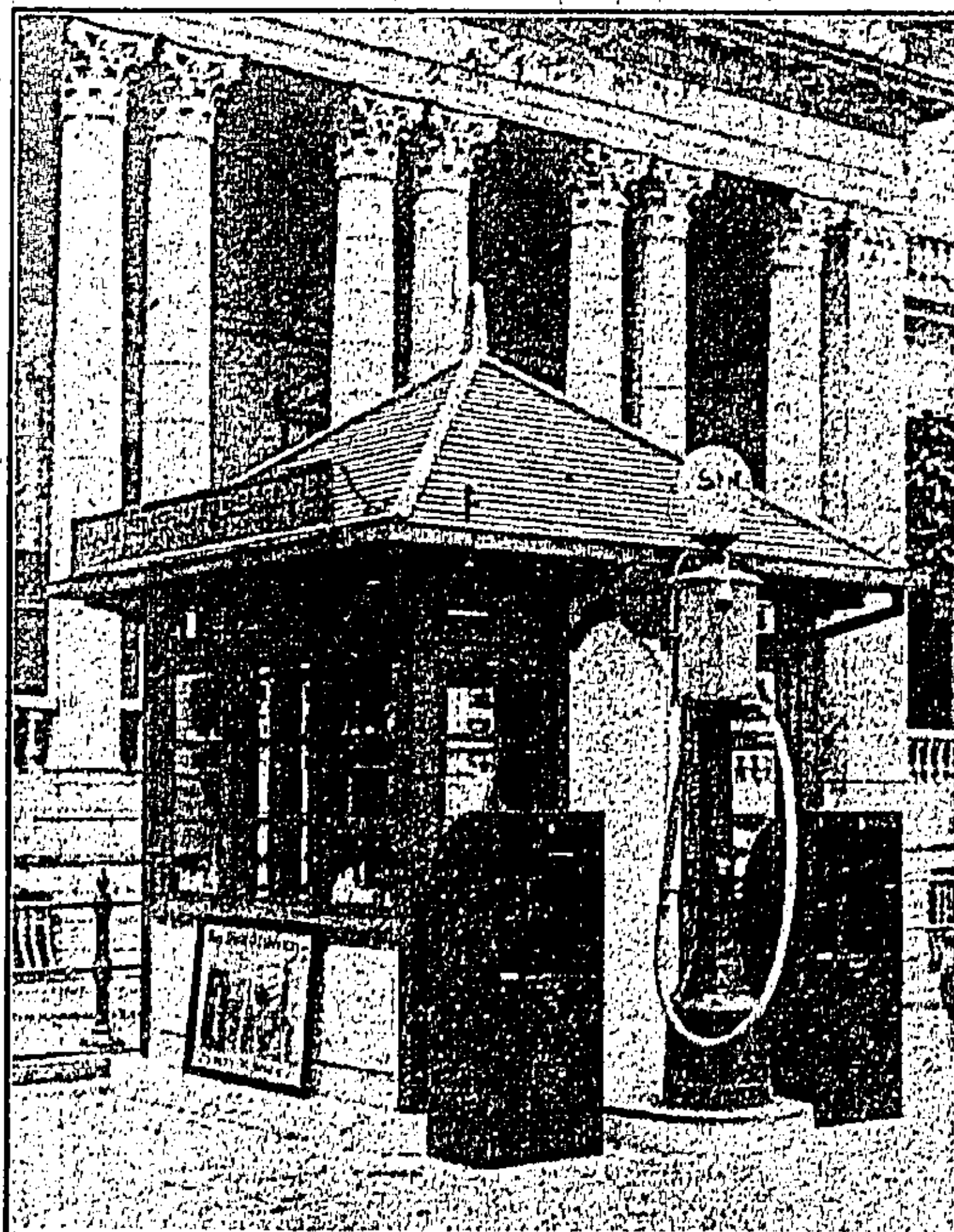
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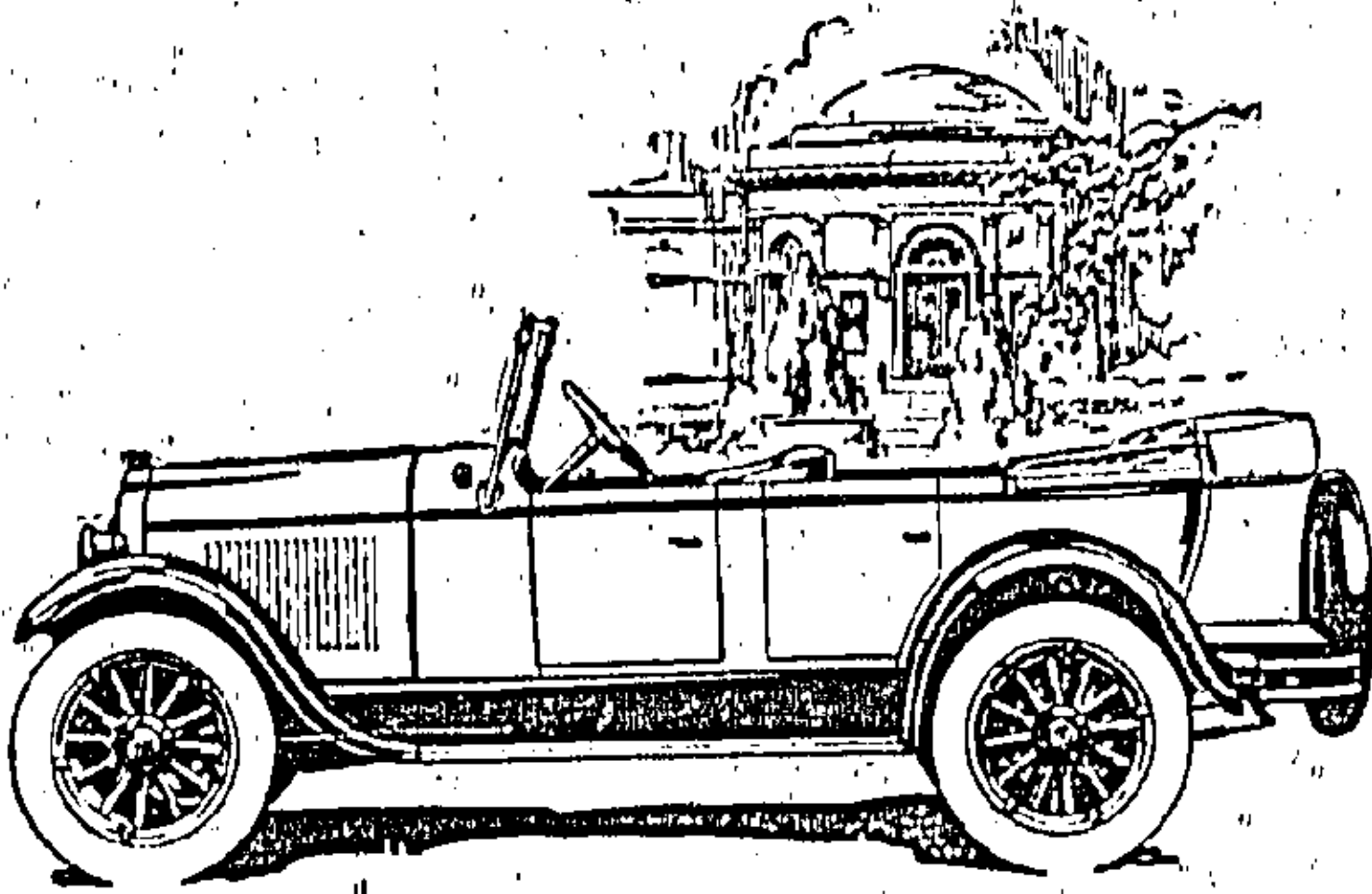
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Every close student of motor car matters have been impressed with the enormous amount of time and money constantly being thrown away in the performance of entirely uncalled for and utterly inappropriate repair jobs on cars in which there are derangements of a somewhat obscure character. These are the cases where something is known to be wrong, but which of the many causes that can produce the trouble is not at all clear. Most of this waste results from acting upon false conclusions as to what is causing the difficulties that require remedying. In other words, a wrong diagnosis having been made, the treatment applied does not fit the case, fails to improve matters and results only in loss. It appears that while motorists in general are securing honest and well intentioned repair work, they receive very poor advice as to what should be done to remove derangements, which are not of an obvious nature. To correctly diagnose motor car ills requires a man who has made a special study of this line and who has had extensive experience. Some of the larger and better equipped service stations employ such specialists—expert "trouble shooters" or "motor diagnosticians"—but such highly trained men are, sad to say, not always available. At the average repair shop the customer with a badly running car has to depend for advice as to the required remedy upon the judgment of the workman to whom the job is assigned and this man—doubtless a first-class mechanic, but not specially versed in interpreting symptoms—comes to a hasty and (too often) a wrong conclusion as to what is wrong and proceeds to tear the car apart and do fruitless and expensive work upon it. Our files are replete with pathetic letters from correspondents, who have gone from shop to shop having utterly misdirected work done at each, from which absolutely no benefit resulted, simply because it did not reach the seat of the trouble. No doubt the work was faithfully executed, but it was not intelligently advised. It was a case of "barking up the wrong tree." Space forbids recounting any of these sad, true instances, but similar ones are within the knowledge of every observant motorist. Here is a bit of money and time-saving advice: When any motor car trouble of a dubious origin develops, get the opinion of one—or better two expert trouble shooters as to its nature, even if this costs something in time and money, before having any work done.

Fitting Piston-Rings.

Question: I have a 1919 car, which has been run about 80,000 miles. The block has never been reground and the original pistons are in use, although new rings have been installed three times. I wish to install another set of rings with expanders back of them. How can I determine the right size of rings to use? Would it be best to take one of my pistons to aid me in selecting the right size of rings?

Answer: It is rather surprising that these cylinders are true enough to warrant the installation of still another set of rings, but of course they may be. You will not get the best results in fitting new rings by the pistons. It is much better to fit them to the cylinder-bore, getting rings that are slightly larger than actually required and filing down their ends until they can be inserted in the bore with the proper amount of clearance between the ends, to allow for expansion. As the bores have probably worn somewhat large rear their tops, the rings should be fitted in them at a point partway down, so as not to bind. In this part of the piston travel. In fitting a ring, be sure that it is not tilted when being tried in the bore.

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ACCIDENTS BLAMED TO SELFISHNESS.

London, Nov. 3.

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Cutting in, usurping more than a fair share of the road, ignoring signals to save slowing down and a complete lack of spirit of give and take are considered among the chief causes of accidents.

DIED AT THE WHEEL.

A motor-car approaching Hammersmith Broadway at 4 p.m. turned twice round a refuge, mounted the pavement and crashed into the wall of a garage.

The driver, Dan Gale, of Queen's Street, Hammersmith, was found dead, with his hands on the steering wheel.

At the inquest, it was stated that death was due to heart disease. A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded.

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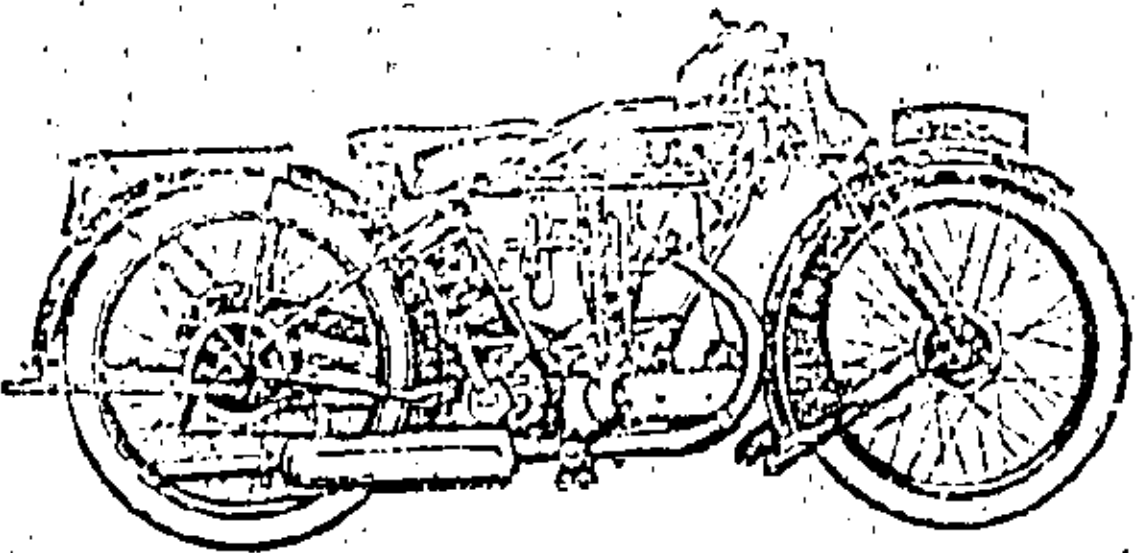
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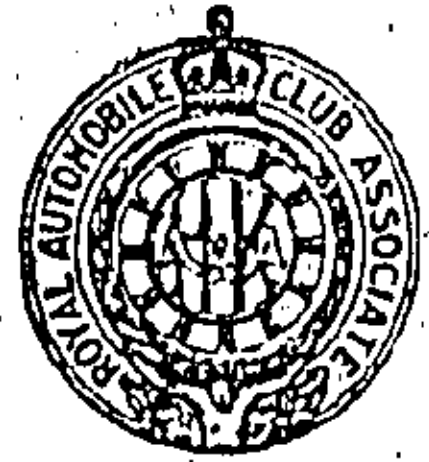
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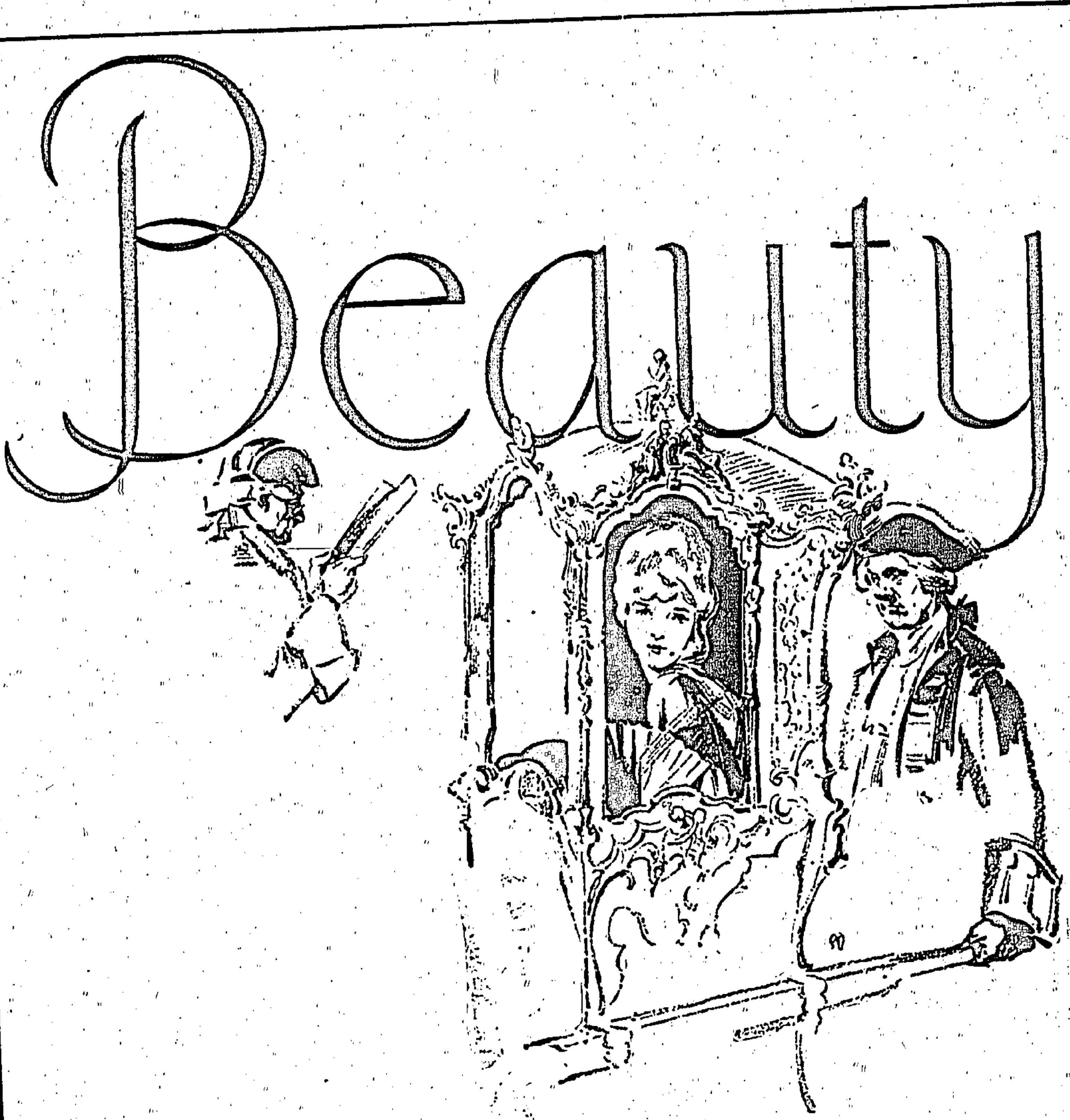
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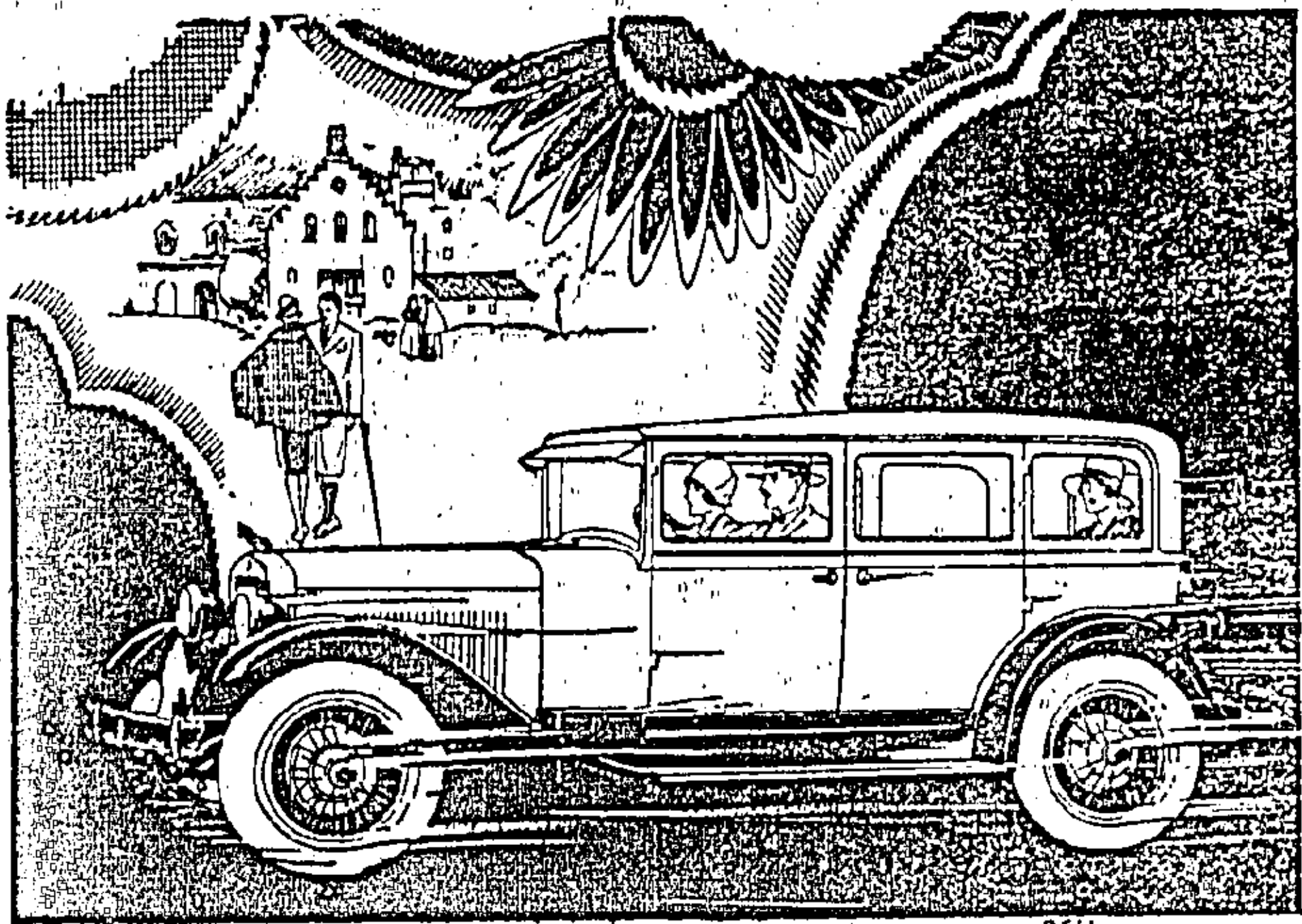
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APPLIED ART.

A Tale of Alfred's Carburetter.

(By C. A. Potts.)

I've no patience with people who run down art. Look what it has done for us. But perhaps you haven't heard how our fortune was made. It was Alfred's carburetter.

It's on every car worth calling a car, as you know, and it brings in—well, never mind, that's not the point. What I mean is, if it hadn't been for art the carburetter would never have been invented.

Father has always been an inventor, but he has never been what you might call really successful. His patent receptacle for catching the ink that leaks from fountain pens never caught on, and nobody would buy his lost collar stud detector. Our landlord said he'd never do much good as an inventor, if his excuses were anything to go by, which just shows how prejudiced he was.

Signs of Genius.

Alfred always wanted to be an artist. Even as a child his hair was always longer than other children's, and we had the greatest difficulty in persuading him to wash behind his ears. When he left school he wanted to go to Paris, but Father would not hear of it. However, his talent wasn't altogether wasted because Father used to get him to make the working drawings for his inventions. Alfred hated inventions and used to scoff at Father, which made him very angry. They had awful rows, and finally Alfred ran away, and Father cut him off with a shilling, or rather, would have done if he had had a shilling.

Alfred went in for the newest kind of art, because he said the old sort was conventional. Also, the new sort is easier because you don't have to bother about learning to draw, and you can rule all the lines, like you do with working drawings.

Father said his name must never be mentioned. Mother used to fret a good deal, because you know what artists' models are, though you don't really need models for the newest kind of art, as I pointed out, but she said, "You know what young men are, which I suppose is quite true."

Anyhow, when Father went to Birmingham to see a man about his patent syncope mouse-trap, Mother wrote to Alfred and implored him to come home.

Being short of money, Alfred came.

All the Artist.

He'd become a most perfect artist. You could tell what he was directly he came in sight. He had even grown a little moth-eaten beard, with a bald patch in the middle, and his hair completely covered his collar, which was just as well.

He brought Mother one of his pictures, which was called "Nymphs bathing," though you couldn't tell which were nymphs, which was a great relief to Mother, but he'd painted the little shiver which ran down their spines owing to the coldness of the water, and there were some little squiggly bits in the top left-hand corner, which meant that they were afraid of being caught, so Alfred said.

I suppose bathing wasn't allowed there.

Mother admired the picture tremendously, and hung it over the piano. She said she didn't care if Father did see it. It would show him how unjust he'd been.

Alfred was able to stay quite

late, as Father wasn't coming home until the midnight train. Mother and I went to bed as soon as Alfred had gone, as she was rather upset at parting from him and had a headache.

When we came down next morning we found that Father had taken "Nymphs bathing" down from over the piano and carried it into his study. Mother said he hadn't been to bed and must have been admiring it all night. It was a very anxious time for Mother and me.

When Father came in to breakfast Mother told him that Alfred had been.

"He brought one of his drawings," she added, with pride. "I hung it over the piano."

"Do you mean to say that was Alfred's work?" asked Father.

Mother said it was.

Father looked quite humble. "I've misjudged him," he said. "The boy's a genius."



He brought Mother one of his pictures.

"I knew you'd say that," said Mother, tears of pride and joy coursing down her cheeks. "It's beautiful. And to think you've sat up all night looking at it!"

"Looking at it?" shouted Father. "Looking at it? I've done more than look at it! It gripped me. The moment I saw it I said to myself, That's the goods. There's a fortune in it. I couldn't rest until I'd made a model."

"A model," said Mother. "Certainly. Must have a model. Wait a minute, I'll show you."

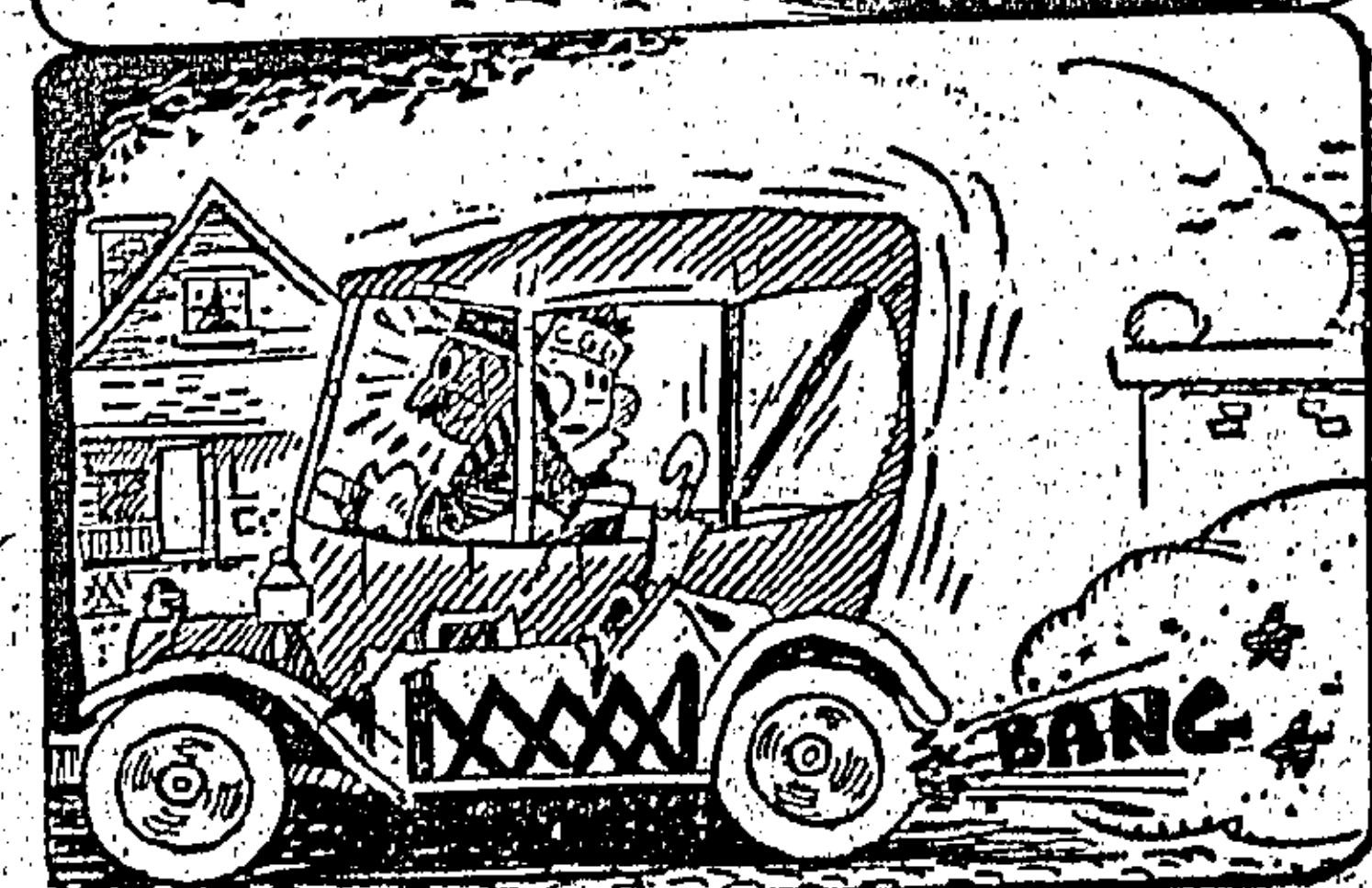
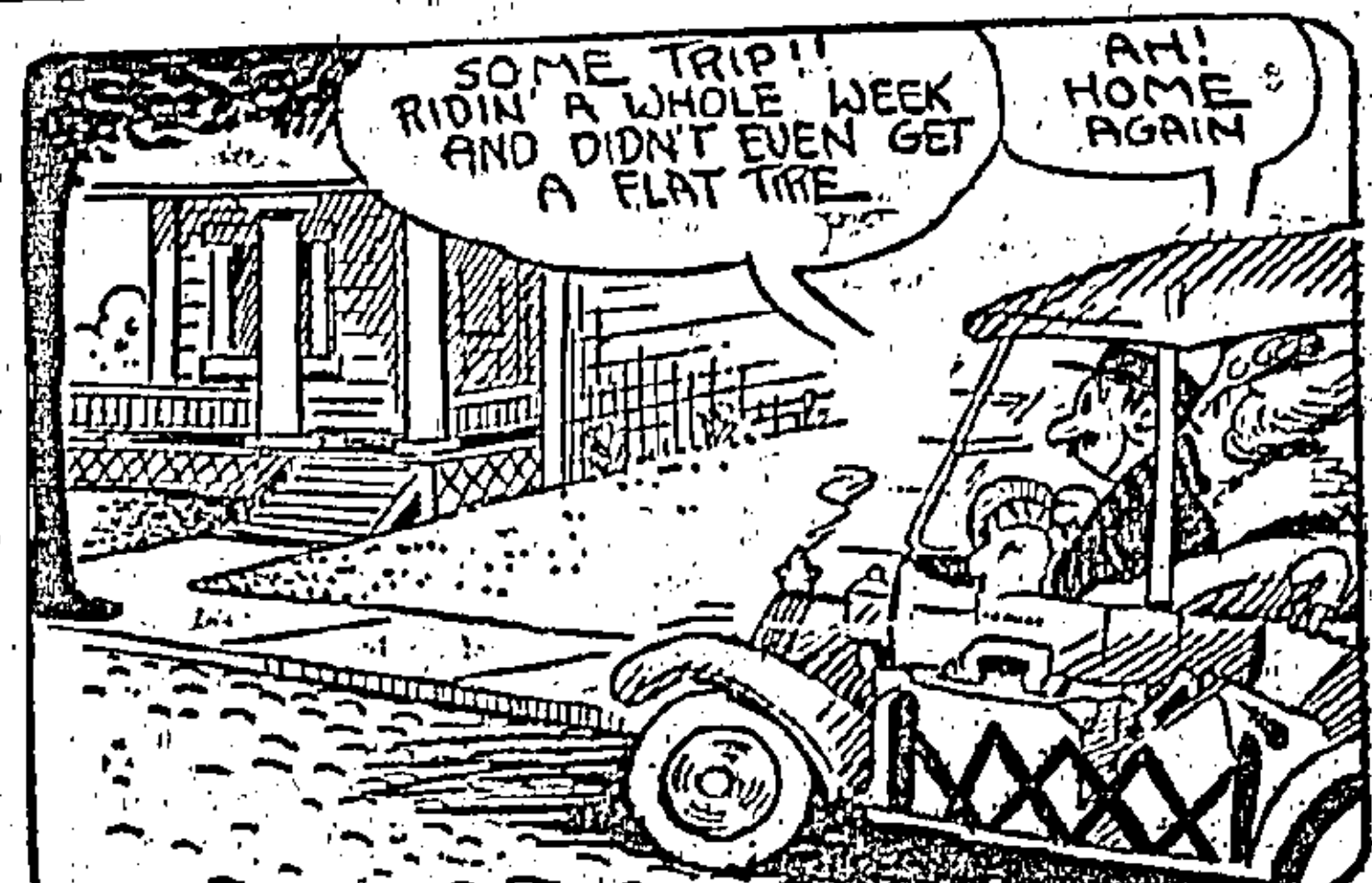
Father's Activity.

Father rushed off to his study, which is also his workshop, and returned with a complicated piece of mechanism, all screws and bits of piping and sliding things.

"But I don't understand," said Mother, aghast. "What has that to do with nymphs bathing?"

"Nymphs bathing?" echoed Father. "Who's talking about bathing? This is a model, to scale, of Alfred's new carburetter which is going to revolutionise the motor industry. I had to modify the air intake, but otherwise I can't suggest a single improvement. I must wire Alfred at once."

Well, all the rest is ancient history. You know the success the carburetter has been. Alfred took it very well, on the whole. He agreed to cancel the title "Nymphs bathing," and became a director of the firm. He also had his hair cut. There is no doubt that art is one of the greatest blessings of our civilisation, especially modern art. It is so adaptable. (By special arrangement with the Morris Owner.)



MOTORISTS AND THE OCTROL.

A Paris Comedy.

The futility of the octrol of the City of Paris is an old story. In the early hours of the morning it brings revenue to the municipality by the toll which it levies on market produce. For the rest of the day it is a public nuisance. For years it has prevented the adaptation of public communications to the needs of the population and immensely increased the traffic problem. The idea of having a ring of toll-bars right round the inner core of the capital, separating it from its periphery of suburbs, ought long ago to have been exchanged for some other system of local Excise which would have brought in the required revenue without strangling the traffic.

Now that the old grille of fortifications has been demolished, the anachronism of the octrol cannot survive much longer. The clamour for its abolition is already becoming louder. M. Georges de la Fouchardiere, a witty journalist who daily entertains the readers of L'Œuvre with a column of half-serious nonsense, devised an artful way of publicly demonstrating the absurdity of the system. In a recent article he invited all motorists who had nothing better to do about 6 o'clock in the evening to drive their cars into Paris through the Porte Maillot and put the octrol to a perfectly legitimate test.

In the ordinary way the motorist who leaves Paris is given a green slip by the toll-keeper as he passes through the gate. He shows this slip on his return, and the toll-keeper usually allows him to pass without inspecting his tank, on the assumption that he has not brought more petrol back than he took out with him. M. de la Fouchardiere invited his readers to lose their green slips, rightly calculating that if 30 or 40 motorists appeared during the rush hours and offered their tanks for inspection, either there would be a fabulous block in the traffic or the toll-keepers would be obliged to let them by without inspection. In either case the weakness of the system would be proved. Things turned out as he expected. The rush of cars at the Porte Maillot was larger than usual, and a great number of motorists were without the usual passport. Instead of measuring the petrol in their tanks with a gauge, and charging them each a franc or two on the quantity imported, the toll-keepers hurried them by in order to keep the traffic on the move. They were assisted by a detachment of police, who had been specially detailed to cope with the anticipated block. M. de la Fouchardiere, himself appeared in due course without a green slip, and prepared to take as long as possible over the formality of inspection, but the police, who had recognized in him the cause of their extra duty, had no patience with him, and he had to be rescued by some of his friends from a rough handling.

MANNERS OF MOTOR DRIVERS.

Home Secretary's Plea for Courtesy.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, when the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders appealed for a higher and better code of courteous driving throughout the country.

Hideous Stations.—Long ago I made up my mind that I would not take a liver pill so long as it was advertised in the form in which we see it in the fields of our country to-day, but some of the petrol filling stations I have seen make me feel for the first time the need of a liver pill. Surely it is not beyond the wit of the motor industry and the oil industry to invent something less hideous than the ordinary red, yellow, green, or blue filling station, which increasingly desecrates the beautiful roads of our country?

Speed.—If you abolish the speed limit altogether you are going to give an implied authority to the motorist to drive at any speed he likes up to say, eighty miles an hour—a speed not unheard of on our roads to-day—provided that he does not drive to the common danger. That will not do.

Manners.—You must certainly consider the desirability of impressing on motorists a code of manners and a code of driving which represents the utmost courtesy on the part of those controlling powerful engines on highways, which belong, not only to motorists, but to foot passengers as well.

38,000,000 BY 1940.

There will be 38,000,000 motor cars in the United States by 1940, according to a predication by George Bosch of the Automotive Equipment Association of Chicago.

NEW GAS TAX.

New Jersey gas dealers face a \$1,000 fine if they do not take out their \$2 gas certificate by Jan. 1. This gas license has only recently been made a law in the state.

ROADS INCREASE.

Compared with 153,530 miles of surfaced highways in the United States in 1904, there are more than 521,915 miles of this type road at present.

TEXAN FARMERS LEAD

Farmers of Texas own more automobiles than those of other states. The rural registration shows. They own 262,000 motor cars and 28,000 motor trucks.

The Very Idea!

A man went into a chemist's shop and bought a bottle of some patent stuff which claimed to abolish colds.

Three days later he staggered into the shop and complained to the chemist that his throat seemed all stopped up, and he could hardly breathe. "And I've drunk all your cough mixture, too," he added.

"Drunk it?" yelled the chemist. "Why, that's an India-rubber solution to keep your boots water-tight!"

For long you held me tame as dogs or chickens.

You even dallied

With me who loved you like the very dickens.

All plumed and pallid

The racking hours of hope and fear passed by—

You winked the eye.

And now your golden glory you have given

To—ah!—another;

Proclaimed him your betrothed.

I, who have striven.

Am but a brother!

Oh, fairest creature—eyes, ill add, most rare—

You were not fair.

That the tickling of his feet by a policeman aroused a man supposed to be in a trance was alleged at Halifax, when an entertainer describing himself as Professor Charles Morrill, 68, of Pembroke-road, Bristol, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

Four persons were charged with aiding and abetting him.

It was stated that Morrill had given performances at Halifax, Sowerby Bridge, Keighley, and Pudsey, and at each place purported to put a man into an hypnotic sleep which lasted for six days. The Halifax police went to Pudsey and saw the performance. They tickled the feet of the man who was supposed to be in a trance, and the result that he rose and got out of the basket in which he was lying for public view.

Solicitor: How did you find out the woman's address?

Witness: I looked up the electric roll.

Witness: She says to me, she says, what about a drink, she says.

Solicitor: And what did you say?

Witness: I never said nothing.

Witness: He was running away as fast as all his feet could carry him.

Solicitor (aside): The human centipede!

The brewers of a new ale, in order that the brand might become popular, advertised that one free drink would be given to each person who applied for it between specified hours, at a certain bar.

An Englishman, hearing about this gratis treat, gathered together a dozen friends, to whom he owed numerous drinks, and, leading the crowd into the bar, announced loudly:

"Now, boys, you'll all have this one with me."

I was never more hopeful of industrial peace than now.—Mr. J. H. Thomas.

The Canadian may be apt to look upon the Britisher as a bit of a laddie.—Dr. J. H. Grisdale.

The more you get people to eat fruit the less there will be for me to do.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Minister of Health).

You won't get the same publicity for social service as you would for Channel swimming and flying.—Mr. Baldwin.

"The worst winter I remember was when we were besieged," said the old soldier. "We only had one bite for two weeks, and that was horse flesh."

"I remember," said the tramp, his companion, "living for a month on one bite, and that was out of my own leg!"

"You old cannibal! Do you expect me to believe that?" roared the soldier.

"It's true, believe it or not," said the tramp calmly. "A dog did the biting and the compensation kept me for a month!"

An unusual case of alleged cruelty was heard recently at a special sitting of the Chepstow Magistrates. The horse concerned was Belled Knight, which ran last in a five furlong race at the autumn meeting at Chepstow.

Defendant, Dr. Charles Sixsmith, of Barry, whose horse Stampede ran last in the Derby, was charged with ill-treating, abusing, and torturing the animal and working it in an unfit condition.

The Chief-Constable of Cardiff (Mr. Wilson) said the animal was lame on all four legs, but particularly in the off foreleg. In a five furlong race it was beaten by two furlongs.

In reply to Mr. Harvie Lloyd, for the defence, witness said the horse's two front legs were like stilts.

The Chief-Constable of Monmouthshire (Mr. Victor Bosanquet) said the horse was lame in its off foreleg and stiff and overshot on the other foreleg.

Mr. Lloyd—in the circumstances where would you have expected the horse to finish?

Witness—In the knackers' class.

FATAL MOTOR SMASH IN MANILA.

TWO AMERICAN SAILORS KILLED.

DRIVER UNDER ARREST.

Two American sailors of the United States destroyer 41 were killed, and a Filipino driver was seriously injured, early last Sunday morning, when a Buick automobile struck the electric post in front of the Sta. Rita Hall chapel, Taft Ave. The car was registered in the name of Silverio Bermudez of the Manila police department who is assigned to special duty in police headquarters.

The killed were Sherman Jessy Browning, 27, of Arlington, Virginia; and Otis Thompson, 24, of Montgomery, Alabama. Alfredo Ballesteros, 27, driver of the car, is suffering from serious bruises and contusions in the chest and head. All the victims were rushed to the Sternberg General Hospital immediately after the accident. Ballesteros was transferred yesterday afternoon to the Philippine General Hospital, and the bodies of the American sailors were taken to the army morgue. They will be shipped to the United States on the first available transport, it was announced last night.

Ballesteros was placed under arrest, but no bond for his temporary liberty had been fixed and he is still confined in the hospital. His condition was reported fair early this morning. Francisco Albert, assistant city fiscal, who was notified by the secret service, soon will file a complaint for homicide through reckless imprudence against Ballesteros.

Skidded at Top Speed.

Eyewitnesses of the accident whose names were withheld by the secret service, declared in the investigation conducted by Chief John Nevins' men that the automobile was running at top speed when it skidded sideways. Some estimated that the car was running at a rate of more than 55 miles an hour. The driver, it was learned, was attempting to overtake a private-owned automobile coming from the Ayala boulevard and northward bound in Taft Avenue. He failed, striking the front fenders of the other automobile, and hitting the electric post. The force of the crash threw the car over and over.

More than 20 persons who were passing by saw the victims lying in the street. One of the victims died instantly. The other expired a few minutes after arrival in the Sternberg General Hospital.

Ballesteros declined to make any explanation regarding the accident when approached in his bed at the Philippine General Hospital. He said, however, that he borrowed the car from Patrolman Bermudez. Asked by the attending physician of the ways of the accident, he said he did not know because he was unconscious when he was taken to the Sternberg General Hospital. It is understood, however, that he declared early Sunday morning that he was forced to drive at full speed by the passengers. Upon refusal, they squeezed his neck so that he was helpless in managing the car. Secret service officials discount this theory.

Whether criminal action will be taken against Patrolman Bermudez depends upon the results of further investigation conducted by the secret service. It is suspected that the Buick automobile in question had been used as "colorum" car to take passengers, which was denied by Patrolman Bermudez and Ballesteros. The driver affirmed he borrowed it without using it for hire.

The car has been turned over to the Parsons Hardware Company.

LOCAL RAILWAY ORDINANCE.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF LAW.

PENALTIES INCREASED.

The Gazette contains the draft of an Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

It is stated in the "Objects and Reasons" that the drafting of certain new Railway rules has shown the desirability of making certain alterations in the Railways Ordinance, 1909. Ordinance No. 21 of 1909. This Ordinance proposes to make those alterations, and some others, but it is not a general revision of the principal Ordinance.

"Administration" is defined in the principal Ordinance as "the manager or other person as the Governor may appoint to conduct the affairs of any railway." As this is a person it is considered that the word "administrator" is more suitable, especially as the word "administration" is also used in the principal Ordinance as an abstract noun. This amendment is made by paragraph (a) of section 2, and by section 3, of this Ordinance.

What "Railway" Means.

By paragraph (b) of section 2 of this Ordinance the definition of the term railway is extended to cover railways in process of construction and works connected with railways authorized to be constructed.

The powers of the administrator are defined, collected and extended in the new section 32 of the principal Ordinance which is to be substituted by section 5 of this Ordinance. These powers will include a power to make rules subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. This will enable sections 29 and 34 of the principal Ordinance to be repealed. Section 29 is repealed by section 4 of this Ordinance, and section 34 is repealed by section 6 of this Ordinance. As the rules will be very detailed and voluminous, and will deal solely with railway administration, it is not considered necessary that they should be gazetted. This is provided for by sub-section (3) of the new section 32. Sub-section (4) of that section provides that the administrator shall keep at each station a copy of the rules in English and Chinese and shall allow any such copy to be inspected at all reasonable hours.

New Penalties.

Section 8 of this Ordinance repeals sub-section (2), (3) and (4) of section 35 of the principal Ordinance. It omits the reference to by-laws for the conduct of railway employees as that matter will now fall under the new section 32. It provides for the procedure upon an appeal to the Governor against the imposition of a penalty by the manager. Sub-section (3) of section 35 of the principal Ordinance provides that the manager may not impose any penalty or may railway employee which would exceed the amount of seven days pay in any one month. This might be insufficient. The new form of the section will not contain this limitation, but it will provide that, for the purpose of the recovery of the penalty, not more than seven days pay may be deducted in any one month, except upon the termination of the person's employment. The old sub-section (5) becomes sub-section (6).

With one slight exception in section 12, the remaining sections of this Ordinance provide for increases of the penalties provided in the principal Ordinance. This seems to be too low in many cases. To take two examples at random, \$100 seems too low a maximum for the offence of wilfully imitating a railway signal, and \$20 seems too

AMERICA'S YANGTZE PATROL.

MORE GUNBOATS PUT IN COMMISSION.

SIX READY SHORTLY.

Six new gunboats for duty on the Yangtze Patrol Squadron of the United States Asiatic Fleet will be put into commission in a few weeks, according to advices received from the offices of Rear Admiral Sumner E.W. Kittelle received in Manila last Saturday.

The new river warships are the Guan, Tutuilla, Samoa, Luzon, Mindanao and Cebu.

Five vessels now on the patrol squadron's roster will probably be decommissioned and either junked or sold, the naval authorities at Cavite believe. It is a certainty, however, that they will be replaced by the new vessels on the patrol whether they are placed out of commission or not.

The old vessels which will end their service with the commission of the new string are the Palos, Elcano, Villalobos, Monocency and the Isabel.

A navy board consisting of Captain Wallace Berthoff, Lieutenant Commander Adrian R. Marron, Lieutenant W.W. Pace and Ensign Edmund A. Cunningham left Manila Saturday afternoon on the President Madison, for Shanghai, where the newly constructed ships will be inspected and tested. The new boats were built at the Kiangnan Dry Docks and Engine Works, of Shanghai.

The board intends making a trial trip on the Guan and it is expected that this duty will be completed by December 25. It is not known whether the same board will be detailed to test the other vessels. Officers are already being ordered to the Guan for duty.

The vessels slated to be decommissioned or sold have been in the United States Fleet service since the early days of American Occupation in the Philippines and were constructed during that period.

HARBOUR DREDGING.

WARNING TO SHIPPING.

It is notified by the Harbour Master that from yesterday until further notice dredging operations will be carried out off Tsim-sha-tui, Kowloon Point, in an area bounded as follows:—

North Boundary.—Lat. 22° 18' 02" N.

South Boundary.—Lat. 22° 17' 43" N.

East Boundary.—Long. 114° 5' 59" E.

West Boundary.—Long. 114° 9' 40" E.

Masters of all vessels are to proceed at a speed not greater than five knots when approaching and in the vicinity of this area and are not to pass between the dredger and her anchor buoys.

Warning is given that survey operations will be carried out from time to time in connection with the dredging of this area. Masters of vessels are warned to keep clear of all sampans, motor boats and buoys used on this work which shall each carry a red flag and to keep a good lookout for all craft so employed.

DIPLOMATIC POST FILED.

FROM PARIS TO VIENNA.

London, Dec. 9. H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Sir Eric Philips, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Paris, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Vienna.—British Wireless.

low a maximum for attempts to defraud the railway.

[The new maximum penalties provided by the amending Ordinance are \$250 in each of the two cases mentioned.]

FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT'S SON.

HEADMASTER OF NEW SCHOOL.

The many friends of Captain Walter Higby, whose former association with the Hongkong Volunteer Corps is so well known, will hear with interest of a new School which his son, Mr. W. V. Higby, B.A. (Oxon), F.R.Econ.S., is opening as from January 1st next. The school of which Mr. Higby is Headmaster is at present situated at Leigh-On-Sea, but is about to be transferred to Billericay, Sussex, where a new building is being erected on an excellent site.

The new establishment is to be known as St. John's School and it is to specialise in taking sole charge of boys whose parents are abroad. Every endeavour is to be made to make the students feel that the School is "a home from home." Applications already received are chiefly from professional men, on behalf of their sons.

From the School prospectus we observe that Mr. Higby, who holds the Oxford University Diploma in Economics and Political Science, is assisted by a highly competent staff, and that the primary object of the School is to prepare boys for the entrance and scholarship examinations at Public Schools. The new School will be located in the picturesque and historic old world town of Billericay, situated about midway between London and Westcliff-On-Sea. It is built on high ground, with a southern aspect, has a fine frontage and near at hand is a large lake where boating, fishing and swimming can be indulged in. The curriculum is designed to give young boys a good grounding in the two fundamental subjects, English and mathematics, and an introduction to Latin and French. Time will also be devoted to history, geography, science, drawing, etc., and pupils can also take music, dancing and elocution if desired.

The fees, including board and tuition, for boarders are:—Under 8 years, 22 guineas; over 8 and under 12, 25 guineas; over 12 and under 15, 30 guineas.

The aim of the Headmaster is to secure to each pupil as much individual attention as possible, and a sound knowledge of the subjects usually required from a boy when entering a Public School. Arrangements are made for special tuition to backward and examination pupils.

No doubt the opening of this new School will prove of interest to Hongkong parents who plan to have their children educated at Home.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 20 of this issue.

- 1 Who were the "wise men of Gotham," and where is it?
- 2 What is the electoral system known as "P.R.?"
- 3 What is the Mahabharata which famous scholars are now revising?
- 4 What English bird is now held responsible for an epidemic which attacks cattle, sheep, and poultry?
- 5 What new theory of light is being discussed by scientists?
- 6 Where are these men buried: George Washington, Charles Dickens, Lord Nelson?
- 7 What is the "Boston Stamp?"
- 8 How many teeth has (a) a man (b) a hare; and (c) a snail?
- 9 What is the House of Common's "Black List?"
- 10 What was the origin of fire insurance?
- 11 What have trade winds to do with trade?
- 12 Who was the Royal Exchanger?

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His Excellency the Governor has appointed Lam Ping to be a "Forest Officer" for the control and superintendence of the forests of the Colony.

Dr. J. B. Addison, Principal Civil Medical Officer, Hongkong, is proceeding on leave by the P. and O. s.s. Khiva on Saturday, December 17.

OFFICIALS AT THE NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW.



The above photograph was taken at the opening of the first Agricultural Show held in the New Territories. His Excellency the Governor is seen with Lady Clementi on his right, together with the principal officials of the Show. (Photo: A. Fong.)

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CHATER ROAD.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern
Ports for the week ending Satur-
day last, issued by the Principal
Civil Medical Officer, contains the
following cases, the figures in

parenthesis indicating deaths:
Plague, Alexandria 3 (2), Ran-
goon (2), Cheribon 1, Macassar
2 (2); Cholera, Calcutta 77, Ran-
goon (1), Singapore 2, Batavia 1

(1), Bangkok 1, Canton 1 (1);
Small-pox, Aden 1, Basrah 2 (2);
Bombay 4 (1), Calcutta 3 (1),
Cochin 1, Madras 2 (1), Rangoon
2 (1), Sourabaya, Bangkok, Dairen,
Changchun, Mukden and Osaka, 1
each.

PHOTO-ELECTRIC DEVICE.

AN INGENIOUS FIRE ALARM.

A demonstration of a fire alarm device that literally "sees" and responds to the faintest trace of smoke, was a part of the display exhibited at the Radio World's Fair in the New Madison Square Garden, New York.

The agency that operates the alarm is a combination of a photo-electric cell and what is practically a standard radio tube—an achievement of Dr. V. K. Zworykin, physicist on the research staff of the Westinghouse Company. The tube is so responsive to light changes that smoke, as faint as a whiff from a cigarette, may be utilized to turn on a red light. When the smoke is conducted between an automobile headlight and the Zworykin device, the consequent diminution of light will lower the electrical current, and this reduction in the activity of the electrons will start a relay that will switch on the red light.

The Zworykin tube is the first invention to make possible the practical application of photo-electric effects. The principle had been a scientific curiosity until the Westinghouse scientist, after nearly two years of work in the East Pittsburgh laboratories of the company, achieved his goal—the conversion of light rays into mechanical power.

In addition to acting as a fire detector, the device has a number of other practical applications. One of these is the automatic control of light-houses in untended stretches of the sea. With the Zworykin device, such lights may be turned on and off simply by the agencies of light and shadow.

On the square, adjacent to the Tin Hau Chinese Temple, Yaumatei, 60 small houses are to be built for the benefit of hawkers. This ground belongs to the Kwong Wah Hospital which will thus benefit from the rents charged. It is said that over 160 applications for space have already been received.

ARTIFICIAL PEARLS EXPLAINED.

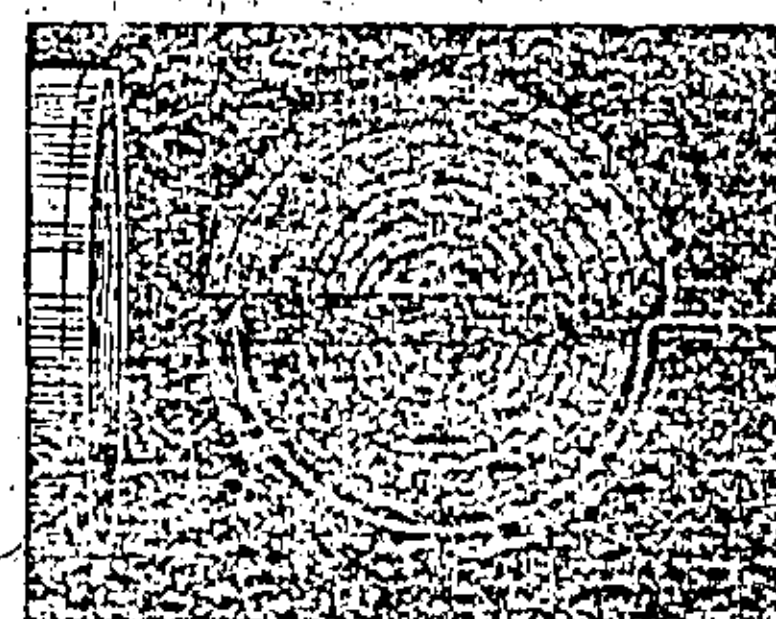
ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH NATURAL GEM.

The pearl exhibition at Messrs. Komor & Komor calls to mind an interesting article in the well known magazine, "Cosmos," a paper for psychological research, which published in 1922 an article on natural and artificial pearls, in which a description of the growth of pearls is given.

The pearl originates through sickness of certain molluscs, of which the pearl mollusc, *Margaritifera*, which lives in the seas of the East, is the most valued. Philosophers of old tried to find how pearls originate, but up to the 18th century without result, and even at present we are not quite sure how the gem originates, but it is supposed that in case of a scratch on the shell, or if any foreign matter enters the shell, it is right away covered with a chalky matter and then with cell matter, which really forms the pearl.

Japan started about 30 years ago to cultivate pearls by placing foreign matter into the oyster shells, and when the first shipment came to Paris they were puzzled there whether to classify them as genuine or artificial, for it was impossible to tell which was which unless they cut the pearl in two, but a halved pearl was not of much use.

When after the war, the first shipment of round culture pearls arrived in London, at Hatton Garden, the biggest jewellery market in the world, they were at a loss to tell which were culture ones and which were not. The pearl market fell in price, for the culture pearl had the same weight, the same lustre and the



same substance as the deepwater pearl, but the culture pearl costs only the tenth part of the Indian pearl, and people asked "Why pay ten times the price for an article which nobody knows how to distinguish from the other?"

It takes about 8 years for a culture pearl to develop, and it wants patience and great care, with all the sickness which the oyster is able to be attacked with, and which decays the pearl.

In 1926 *La Nature* brought out an interesting article on pearls, and stated that at last an instrument had been found to determine which is a culture pearl, but even with this instrument the pearl has to be drilled to be of any use. When a small glass pipe is inserted in this hole and light reflected through it, it shows on a specially constructed mirror that on the culture pearl the light travels right through and illuminates only part of the layers, while in the natural gem, all layers are illuminated, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

It still remains to be seen whether, by a certain pressure, even this light effect can not be eliminated. If that can be done, there will be no way to tell which is a real pearl and a culture pearl, and the value of both will be the same.

Messrs. Komor & Komor's pearl exhibition, with the oyster specimens which Mr. Kodaka exhibits, are worth seeing. Besides the celebrated large pink Australian pearl, which Mr. Kodaka says is unique, the variety of the mounted jewellery, the latest London and Paris mountings in platinum, gold and silver, the beautifully matched necklaces, with jewellery clasps, and the prices, remarkably cheap, make the exhibition specially attractive.

An innovation is the big Japanese window at Ice House Street, showing the pearls. It is made after Messrs. Mitsukoshi's window in Tokyo, and should be an attraction for sight seers in Hongkong.

SUTCLIFFE REFUSES CAPTAINCY.

YORKSHIRE PROFESSIONAL'S DECISION.

London, Dec. 9.
Sutcliffe has declined the Yorkshire captaincy, offered to him early last month. His refusal is contained in a cable from South Africa, and was read at a meeting of the Yorkshire committee. He thanked the club for the offer, and regretted having to decline. He said he was willing to serve under any captain willing to offer the captaincy to Ranjiv W. Arcot, the professional, Captain W. A. Worsley, the amateur.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND BRIDE.



Field Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is here seen with Miss May-lin Soong (sister of Mr. T. V. Soong), to whom he was married in Shanghai recently.

MERRIE ENGLAND.

(Continued from Page 1.)

As "Jill-All-Along," the alleged witch, Mrs. C. P. Marcel adds to her considerable reputation as a clever actress in local productions. It is a role requiring the greatest restraint in some parts, and agitation in others, which Mrs. Marcel manages splendidly.

Mrs. J. Hurst takes the part of the May Queen, and here again the choice has been an excellent one, with a perfect rendering of the light-hearted, albeit somewhat vindictive, country girl.

Minor roles, as ladies-in-waiting, Marjory and Kate, and another lady-in-waiting, are taken respectively by Mesdames E. Hanlon, R. A. Starling, and H. M. A. Day, while Mrs. W. A. Cornaby appears as a Folly Girl; and all fill their parts capably.

Music and Dancing.

As stated above, the music is almost the main feature of the piece, and that, capably rendered, leaves little more to be desired. There is also due, however, a special word of praise for the dancing, which occurs at various periods of the play. This was perfect all through, and reflects the greatest credit on Miss Daisy O'Keefe, the instructress, who herself takes part, and the audience would have had more scores. The Egyptian ballet, near the close, is excellently presented and the dresses are most elaborate making a unique setting which was greatly appreciated.

And having referred in detail to the acting, one must give to the conductor the big bouquet he deserves. It is on the efforts of the musical director that perhaps most depends, and Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., has worked like a Trojan to make the piece a success. He deserves every congratulation on the result. In so saying, one does not overlook the meritorious work of Lt. Comdr. Bedells, both as actor and capable and energetic producer, nor the painstaking efforts of all who have helped in other ways, and whose contributions are duly acknowledged on the programme.

The Chorus Work.

The excellent chorus consists of Mrs. G. L. Buchanan, Mrs. W. B. Cornaby, Mrs. S. F. Chubb, Mrs. D. M. Goodall, Mrs. A. E. Greenway, Mrs. A. W. Hayward, Mrs. T. J. Magill, Mrs. G. McLeod, Mrs. A. H. Mills, Mrs. P. W. Pankhurst, Mrs. W. K. Reynolds, Mrs. D. M. Richards, Miss S. E. Baker, Miss M. I. E. Bird, Miss R. Cole, Miss E. J. Coppin, Miss E. B. Dunbar, Miss F. E. Dunn, Miss M. Hansen, Miss B. Hirst, Miss R. Judah, Miss D. McClay, Miss N. Middleton, Miss D. Punccheon, and Messrs. J. W. Baldwin, M. R. Bell, C. Bennett, W. Brown, E. G. Canford, H. J. Fountain, D. M. Goodall, G. W. R. Griggs, E. Hanlon, L. A. Lambert, F. H. G. Lewis, T. J. Magill, G. H. F. McClay, O. B. Raven, B. W. Sampson, E. C. Thomas, R. D. Thomas and J. E. Winfield.

The courtiers are Mrs. E. O. Alabaster and Mrs. O. H. Farrar and Messrs. G. S. Thomson and R. Payton-Reid; the heralds, Messrs. F. J. C. Halahan and R. D. Watkins; the halbardiers, Messrs. G. Colton, F. Ellis, E. J. Banister and J. Hooper; the pikemen, Messrs. G. Stobart, J. Gale, J. Brenton and C. Loder; the burghers, Messrs. B. I. O'Donnell and G. P. S. Davies; and the State trumpeters, Messrs. H. Andrews and H. Latimer.

The parts of the Oriental dancers already referred to, are taken by the following: Daisy O'Keefe, Betty Clomo, Maude George, Bella Pearson, Millicent Sulter, Nellie Field, Thelma May, Doris Punccheon, and Lorna Tol.

Acknowledgments.

The following special acknowledgments are made on the programme.

CANADIAN AGAIN IN COURT.

DATES FIXED FOR HEARING.

The Canadian, Richard Charles Williams, alias Charles Puig, alias Charles Stone, appeared again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, charged on three counts of forgery and false pretences.

The defendant, it will be recalled, was extradited from Chile and brought to the Colony by the s.s. Fushimi Maru.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Leo D'Almada a Castro-Senior, defend-

The defendant was brought before the Magistrate in order that a date could be fixed for the hearing. His Worship fixed the case for hearing on Thursday next, December 15th, at 11 a.m., and, if unfinished on Thursday, for a further hearing on December 22nd at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. D'Almada:—Will your Worship direct that the prosecution permit me to see the papers with regard to the extradition of this man?

Mr. Lindsell:—I don't think the prosecution has the papers.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—They are with the Chilean authorities.

Mrs. D'Almada:—In all extradition proceedings these papers are produced. That is the usual procedure.

Mr. Lindsell:—I am not directly concerned as to how defendant came before the Court. I will make a note, if you like, when the case comes on.

Mr. D'Almada then made an application to his Worship to the effect that the money found on the defendant, as well as an article of jewellery, a stone called the "cat's eye," be handed over to him.

The prosecution indicated that they had no wish to hinder the defendant's case by withholding his money.

Inspector Reynolds, C.D.I., indicated that there were various sums of money in defendant's possession when arrested.

The Magistrate ordered that the money and the jewellery be handed over to Mr. D'Almada.

Stage Director, Mr. C. P. Marcel; Assistant Stage Directors, Messrs. G. L. Simmons, Oscar Eager, and F. P. Lefstey; Property Master, Mr. F. Roberts; Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs. H. Harrison; Hon. Accompanist, Mrs. C. E. Millard, B.A.

Scenery designed by Mr. R. S. W. Paterson, and painted by Chan Siu-zong; stage lighting by Mr. P. H. F. Colomb; dances arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe; wigs by Campbell Moore; costumes by Ah Men and Hing Cheong and Ah Hung; photographs by Ming Yuen Studio.

The Committee of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society desire to express their thanks to:

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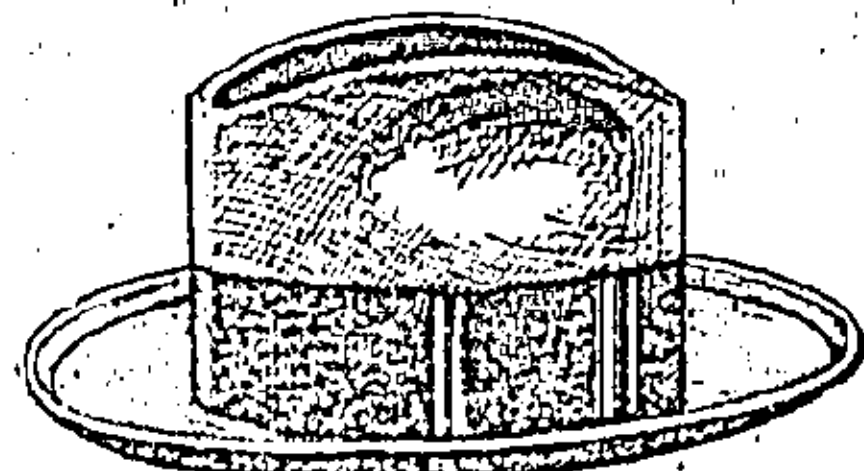
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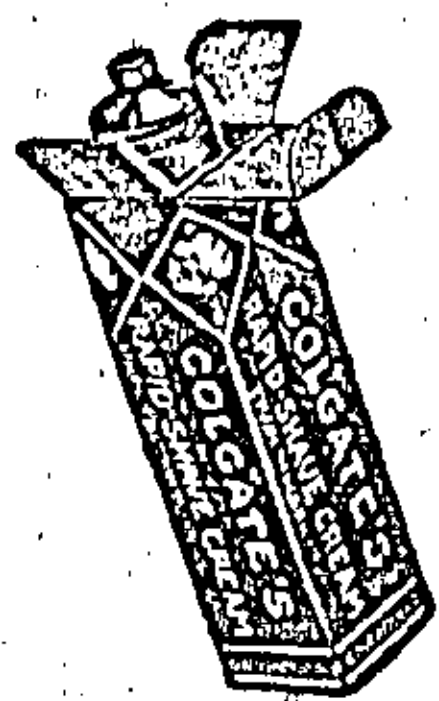
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EX-MEMBER'S OFFENSIVE ON THE KU KLUX KLAN.

LOYALTY ABOVE LAW.

The most hopeful scrap of paper that has made its appearance in Alabama in many moons, in the opinion of one of the State's own newspapers, is the report of a special grand jury in which 102 indictments were found against 37 men charged with flogging white and negro residents of Crenshaw and Butler counties. Thirty-six of the floggers, it is said, were officials and members of the Klan.

The strange thing about the latest anti-Klan offensive (says the New York Literary Digest) is that it is being launched by Charles C. McCall, State's Attorney-General, despite the fact that he himself was until October 19 a member of the Klan, and was elected with Klan support. Less than a year after his election, telegraphs the Montgomery Times, "the responsible heads of the Klan have been brought out into the light of day." "The lash and the mask are on the run in Alabama," adds another Alabama paper, the Atlanta Citizen.

The most damaging revelation made at Laverne, the county seat, during the grand jury investigation, telegraphs the Birmingham Post, "was the notice served on the world that a Klansman, regarding his oath to the Klan, as taking precedence over his oath to the State." Therein lies the menace of the Klan, thinks the editor of this daily, "for it is setting up a government within a government. And that is anarchy."

Now that the clean-up has started, the Florence Times-News hopes the action of the courts "will be such as to stamp out masked violence in Alabama."

The history of the fight that is now going on is told by a special correspondent of the Scripps-Howard newspapers in a dispatch from Montgomery, the State capital.

The fact that Attorney-General McCall knows the inner workings of the order has made it possible for him to level deadly blows. He has ordered its members into Court and sent them to jail when they refused to come.

He has searched the Klaverns of local organisations and the homes of Klan officials. He has seized records, correspondence, regalia, and paraphernalia.

Which Law is to Stand?

The question now is whether the Klan is superior to the law in Alabama. Cecil Davis, a former State Klan officer, when called before a Crenshaw County grand jury at Laverne, bluntly declared that Klan law was superior to Alabama law, and refused to answer questions because "my oath as a Klansman prevents me." He was sent to jail for five days, and boasted that he would be free in 24 hours by action of Governor Graves. But this hope was in vain, and he served the sentence.

Klan leaders are striving desperately to find some way of pacifying McCall and calling him off. As yet they have found no way, and apparently there is little likelihood that they will, as McCall comes more and more to appreciate the wide-spread endorsement given by the State to his prosecution.

In his resignation from the Klan, Mr. McCall said:—I regard my oath as an officer of the law superior to any private and fraternal obligation I can take, and I do not feel that I should follow longer under the leadership of those leaders of the Klan in Alabama, who, in my judgment, are placing themselves at war with constituted authorities.

But the Davis incident is proof positive to the Birmingham News that many members of the Klan place their oath of allegiance to the hooded order ahead of their oath of allegiance to the State. It has remained for Davis to reveal in all its nakedness the pretensions of this hooded organisation, points out the Birmingham Age-Herald. He refuses to fulfill his duty to the State because he owes a higher duty to the Klan.

Says the Chicago Tribune of Mr. Davis's refusal to answer the grand jury's questions:—An organisation that exacts such an obligation is outlaw and seditious, and its claims to be a protector of Americanism are bogus. It does not express American ideals and principles, but repudiates them. The Klan does not represent Americanism, but its opposite. It represents the ignorance and intolerance which persists in spite of Americanism.

"GASSED" TOMATOES DISCUSSED.

ONE WAY OF GROWING BIGGER CROPS.

GRASS THAT TAINTS MILK.

Numerous examples are given in the report of the Development Commissioners of novel methods for increasing cultivation, says a Home paper.

An experiment was made in regard to the effect of carbon dioxide on hothouse plants, and by the use of a special stove producing this gas, a tomato crop was increased from 16 to 30 per cent.

Other experiments relate to taints in milk. One was found to be due to the consumption of chamomile (mayweed) and other grasses by the cow, and it was discovered that the tainting principle was a volatile substance which could be taken up by petroleum ether.

Another class of taint was an oily flavour occurring in the winter months. It was found that the passage of clean milk over a copper surface led to the solution of minute quantities of copper, and that in the presence of the air at low temperatures an oily flavour occurred. In the absence of air and at higher temperatures, this did not take place.

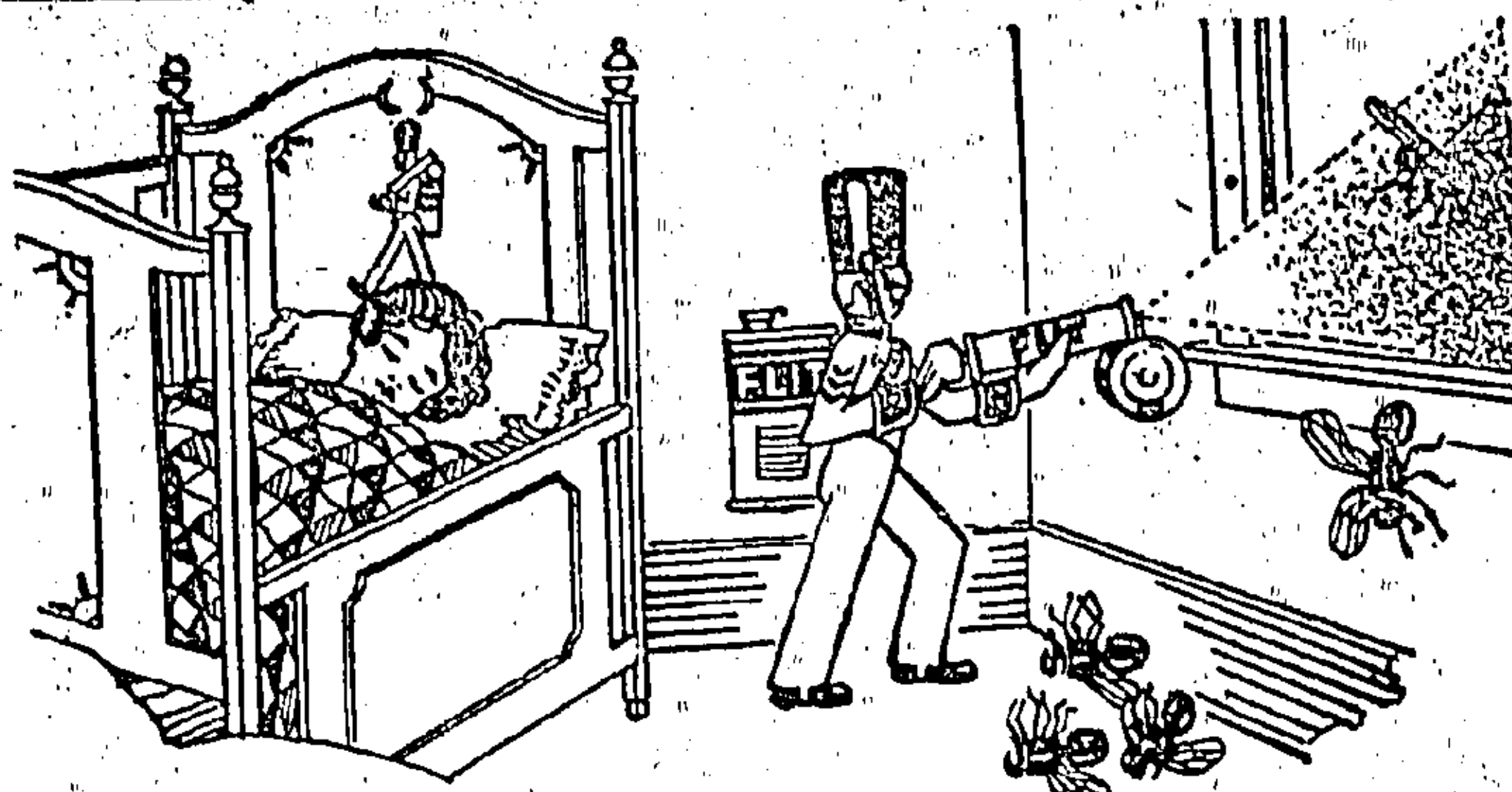
Another branch of research has sought to control insect pests by the discovery of parasites on the "big fleas have smaller fleas—and so on ad infinitum" principle.

In many cases, parasites so discovered have been bred and dispatched to various parts of the Empire for eliminating pests.

Research into fishery questions, while not quite so varied as in the case of agriculture, is also being actively pursued, and the salmon, the haddock, the herring, and the oyster have been among the subjects of research from the spawning period onwards.

No More "All-Round Experts."

The report contains a remarkable record of the assistance given to agriculture and fisheries by sci-



Flies Are Children's Deadliest Enemies!

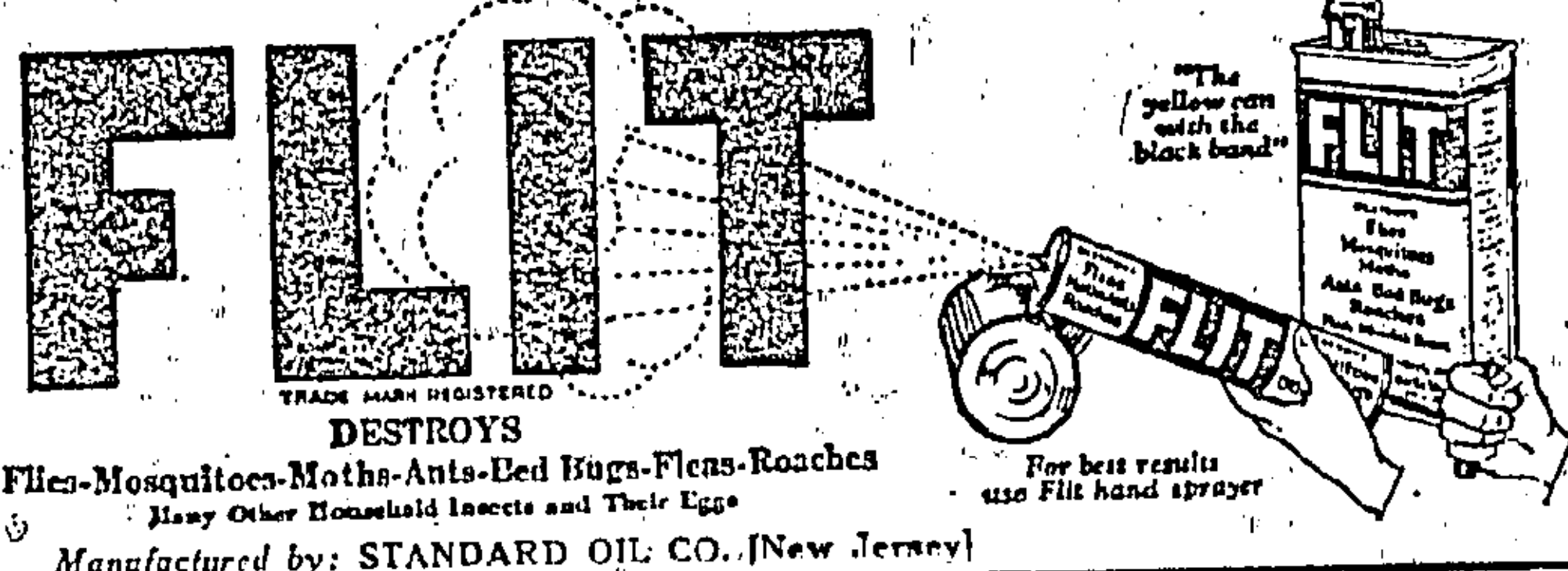
THE fly is the greatest murderer known. Thousands of babies died last year a result of diseases carried to them by flies. Flies are largely responsible for summer diarrhea and other intestinal disturbances in children.

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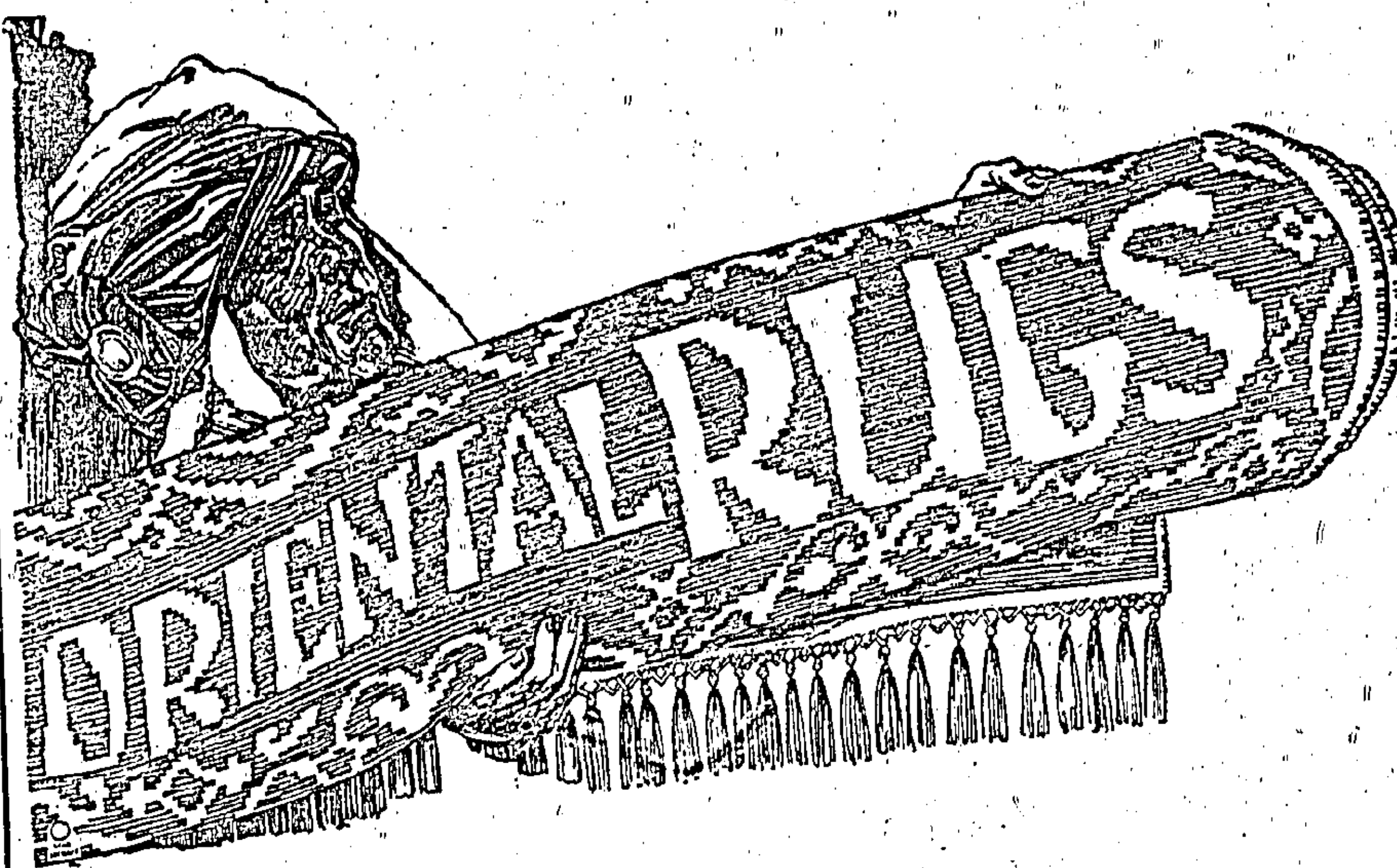


tific research carried on at a large number of institutions throughout the country. These activities are almost bewildering in their extent and variety and the commissioners emphasise the degree to which specialisation has gone. The day of the all-round agricultural expert has gone, they say, never to return, at least in Britain. The output of scientific information is now so large that even the best-

informed student of agriculture can only pretend to knowledge of some one part of the whole subject. For most of his information in branches other than his own he must depend largely upon "abstracts." Reference is made to the extension of the range of waste substances in which good artificial farm-yard manure can now be made. Means have been found of controlling the process of decomposition in such

a way as to enable very refractory substances like coconut fibre (an abundant waste product in some countries) to be converted into good manure.

It seems but a step, the Commissioners say, to the time when the contents of our waste-paper baskets and the picnic party's litter may find not merely oblivion on but useful oblivion in the muck heap.



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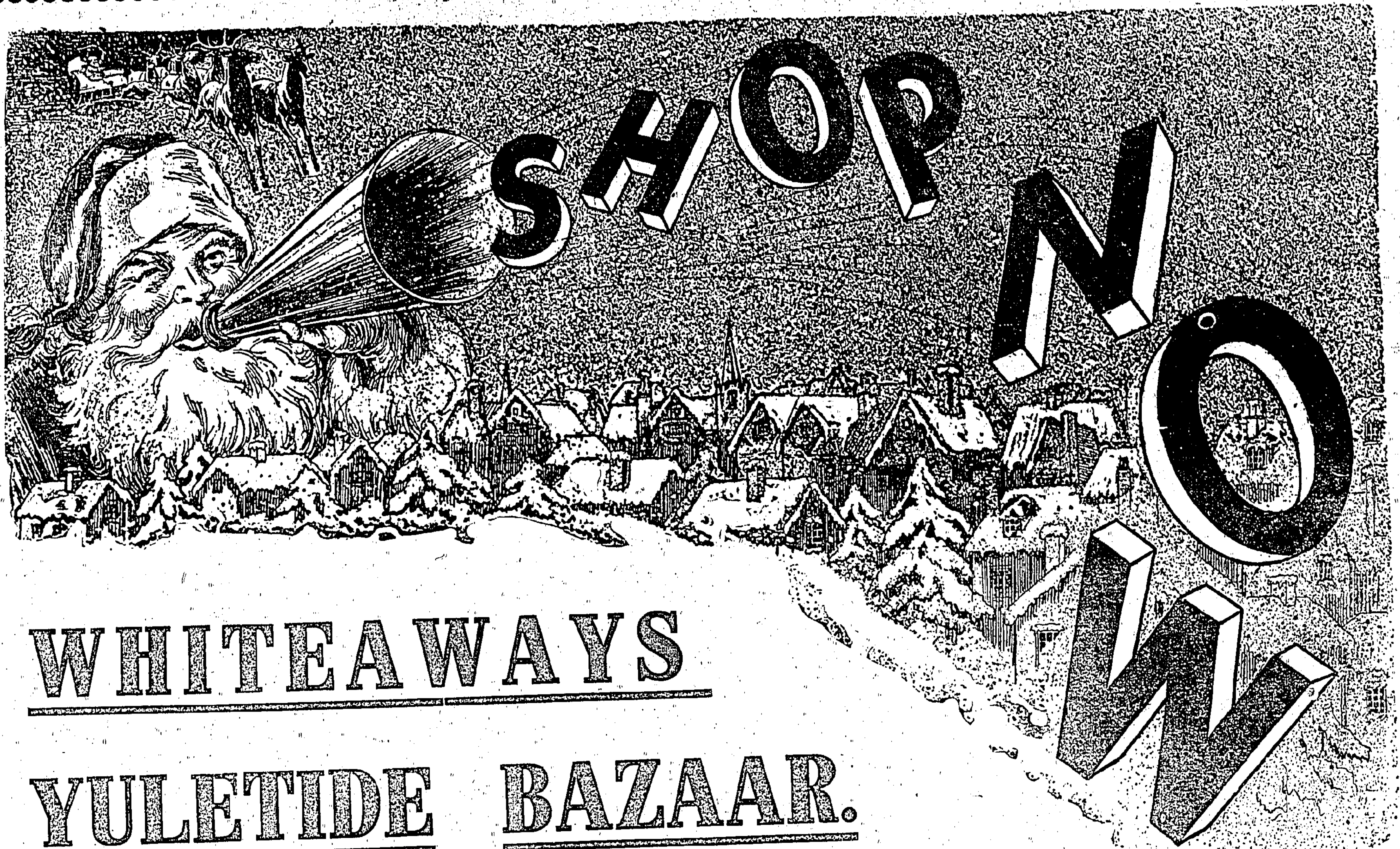
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The dinner-dress with a fairly high, transparent yoke is often preferred to that with an exaggerated décolletage. Here is one in finest black lace posed over a slip of flesh coloured georgette, with a yoke of the georgette and a hem of deep-silk fringe. Diamante outlines the neck, arms and top of hem.

EVENING DRESSES.

VOGUE FOR BLACK.

Many black lace frocks have aprons of wide pleats which extend to long panels at the sides. Scallop or draped boleros appear on some of the gowns. A high décolletage is invariably preserved in front, and the shoulder straps are on the wide side, but at the back most gowns are cut in a deep V.

Most lace frocks are edged with the narrowest binding of satin or grosgrain, in which case there are severe waistbelts to match of satin or ribbon. They fasten with pearl clasps.

An original black lace frock was made with a black satin foundation cut into petals. This finished above the knee, but the draped lace skirt fell some inches lower.

UNSOPHISTICATED.



A charming nightdress with little lace sleeves gathered into a round yoke. Pink crepe de chine, threaded with green satin ribbon. The bodice wrap is of olive green velvet, lined with green and silver grey chiffon and trimmed with light grey fur.

PLATE GLASS.

A LABOUR-SAVING LUXURY.

For those who can afford the luxury, plate-glass is, perhaps, the most cleanly, labour-saving, and efficient, as well as unobtrusive material for fittings in the house.

In the up-to-date bathroom panels of plate-glass are screwed to the wall behind the bath and wash-basin; all shelves are of glass, so, too, are the towel rails.

In the kitchen cupboards the shelves are also of the glass, while the doors have panels of the same, as has the washing-up cabinet. Even the oven door of the newest type of cooking stove enable the cook to see through it how things are progressing inside without letting in draughts of cold air. To the pastry-board and rolling-pin, everything, as far as possible, is made of the hygienic glass, which is remarkably strong.

Bedroom Fittings.

In the bedrooms all the fittings to the wash-basin are glass, as in the bathroom. Dressing tables, and other pieces of furniture, which may incur damage to the polished or painted surfaces through spilt liquids and scratches, are topped with plate-glass, cut to fit, with rounded and polished edges.

In France madame lays her piles of dainty lingerie in a glass cabinet on plate-glass shelves. Sideboard, dumb-waiter, and even dining table in the dining-room are covered with the same, which requires only a rub with a damp cloth to keep it spotless.

For the Dining Table.

If the dining table is not topped with glass, round glass plate-mats are used, often painted with pretty sprays. These plate-glass mats are useful, too, to put under bulb bowls and vases when they stand on the piano or anywhere else where spilt water might be injurious. Tea and coffee-pot stands, encased in silver tracery, serve the same purpose.

Trays of plate-glass with a silver surround are being given as wedding presents.

Door finger-plates in plate-glass, being transparent, are often used over strips of embroidery or narrow Japanese prints.

For the china, or specimen cabinet there is, of course, nothing better than glass shelves.

Strips of plate-glass are not difficult to fix. The edges are smoothed and polished, and there are holes for screws to attach panels to the wall or shelves to the plated supports.

A novel black satin gown was made with a heavily pleated lace overskirt, open in front, which fitted snugly round the waistline and fastened with a paste link.

OVER THE TEA CUPS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BY "JOAN")

London, Oct. 27, 1927.
Here we have a charming, and rather novel nightdress; novel, that is, in the light of present fashions, which are principally sleeveless. The small gathered sleeve set into a round yoke line gives an unusual charm, an unsophisticated air. The model sketched was of pink crepe de chine, threaded with—of all things—green satin ribbon; another unsophisticated note, and one which, incidentally, can be omitted if the wearer prefers a blending pink ribbon, or a Parisian touch in the way of pale blue. The lace was of deep cream; and to make this charming little garment you will require three yards of 38 inch material. Apart from just getting the lace right, in accordance with the design, you will see that the gown is simplicity itself.

Vanity Street.

I have noticed a tendency for bodice wraps to become more elaborate, as exemplified by the one in the picture. Not content with the ordinary light swansdown or marabout, the designers introduce long-haired furs dyed to light matching or contrasting colours. In the case of the wrap here shown, it was of olive-green velvet, lined with green and silver-grey chiffon, and trimmed with very light grey fur. Some people may object that these wraps look almost like theatre coats, but there is a subtle difference in the general make-up, and they are very warm and attractive for cold-weather wear, in addition to being pre-eminently becoming to practically every type of woman.

Stephanie has given us a design for an evening head-dress which will be very useful during the approaching festive season. It is fashioned of golden Milan lace, and Lady Joynson-Hicks record in matters pertaining to social welfare justifies her inclusion; and from our point of view it is very satisfactory to see that there are husbands who appreciate ability in their wives. Co-operation between husband and wife is sufficiently rare even these days to be remarked upon; but there are signs that it is distinctly on the increase. A little public recognition still goes a long way with us—we are such a grateful sex!

The theatrical season is now in full swing, and the attempt to in-

the pattern and remoulding them to achieve the prescribed shape. This coronet can be fastened either by a press stud or a jewelled brooch, the former being perhaps the more suitable for the type of headgear.

Is That So?

This week our artist has given us Lady Joynson-Hicks who is very much in the public eye at the moment on account of her connection with the committee appointed by her husband, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, to enquire into the law and practice of street arrests by the police. It is understood that



Sir William has created a precedent by appointing his wife to serve on a Committee of his own forming, but Lady Joynson-Hicks record in matters pertaining to social welfare justifies her inclusion; and from our point of view it is very satisfactory to see that there are husbands who appreciate ability in their wives. Co-operation between husband and wife is sufficiently rare even these days to be remarked upon; but there are signs that it is distinctly on the increase. A little public recognition still goes a long way with us—we are such a grateful sex!

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roduce British light opera, in the shape of "The Beloved Vagabond" (a dramatised version of Mr. Locke's novel set to music) has met with more success than at first appeared likely. This light opera differs from musical comedy to the extent that there is considerably more effort made to retain a plot, and the chorus is slightly more reasonable; that is to say, it does not turn up in a machine-made manner at every juncture in the lives of the hero and heroine, but consists of art-students, visitors, and the like, all with a distinct identity and functioning independently. It was in this production that Mrs. Hilson Phillipson, M.P. (otherwise Miss Mabel Russell) returned to her old love, the stage; but as Parliament will shortly be reassembling, doubtless she will retire from the cast, on the principle that it is impossible to serve two masters. The play itself has taken a new lease of life and is moving on to another theatre.

The Street of Adventure.

This week I specially want to recommend to you a first novel by Mary Forrester, called "The Priceless Heritage" (Hutchinson). I rank it with "The Marriage of Marquise" by Pamela Frankau, as one of the most promising first novels I have ever read, although the two books I have mentioned have nothing in common, perhaps I ought to add. "The Priceless Heritage" has a love theme of great delicacy and pathos, and the author manages to present a very interesting point of view in the matter of spiritualism. Those of you who took my advice and read "Liszt—the Man of Love" by Guy de Pourtales (Thornton Butterworth) will not fail to procure the companion book by the same author—"Chopin—the Man of Solitude." The latter book has the further merit that it is somewhat less technical than "Liszt," while it tells a tale of extreme poignancy and interest.

ANTIQUES.

FIND THEIR WAY TO HAND-BAGS.

The exquisite snuff-box of chased silver or gold, bearing on its lid, perhaps, lovely little scenes in the manner of Watteau, or glittering with French paste, which the gallant of the gay 18th century was wont to offer with a flourish and a courtly bow, has emerged from the knick-knack cabinet to another sphere of usefulness. It has also changed hands.

The newest powder-boxes for lady's handbag are reproductions of old pocket snuff-boxes. Some are square, others round, with hinged lids. They are of engine-turned silver or gold, enamel, agate and tortoiseshell. Woe pictures painted in enamel, representing the famous cries of old London, and other scenes, are set in the lids. Antique designs have been copied, and it is sometimes difficult to distinguish the original from the modern imitation.

An Authentic Heirloom.

A genuine old snuff-box, possibly an authentic heirloom from one's great-grandfather, is a pretty trifle which one feels very smart in displaying while engaged in the important operation of powdering the nose in public.

Everything else in the handbag is ornately in keeping with the richness of display of that gorgeous 18th century. Shingle comb and oval mirror, backed with enamel and silver, fit into a flat case made of lovely brocade, or we use a Florentine hand mirror in miniature, with carved and gilded handle and back. Cold cream is carried in a jewelled cylinder about the size of a thimble, and lipstick matches it; tiny perfume boxes are set with brilliants.

It is not unusual to see, on the hem of a valour coat, a fox fur as a trimming, complete with the head of the animal. The coat is cut so that the head ends the piece running round the hem and mounts half-way up the skirt. Really, you feel the foxes for these trimmings must have been abnormally long if you consider the width of the skirt!

SPORT ENSEMBLES.

WORN BY SMART WOMEN.

Black chiffon velvet tailcoats of the softest, silkiest material are smart for morning wear. The coats have, naturally, to be made on fuller lines than if cloth were being used, but in every other respect the same slim chic line is preserved. They look their best effective with white satin waistcoats.

Short reptile skin coats are being worn for sport. One unique felt affair was trimmed with a crazy pavement-like application of soft brown kid.

Unusual knitted jumpers are all the rage. A most amusing woollen affair, half being of brown patterned with beige and the other of beige patterned with brown was recently seen in a West end shop. It was worn over a brown tweed skirt.

Jumpers and Skirts.

Another jumper was made with a slip-stitched knitting allied to alternate bands of brown jersey. The tight sleeves were naturally coloured. Some are indiscriminately figured with dots and dashes. Many of the accompanying tweed skirts have original hems. They are machined round the bottom with several rows of silk stitching.

Tweed sports ensembles may be of the three or four-piece variety. The first consist of a jumper suit with an overcoat, but the second, which is much more popular at the moment, comprises a straight jacket, buttoned straight down the front and belted, and a straight skirt with an accommodating bunch of pleats on one side. Underneath is worn a metallic sweater of some variety and on top a heavy overcoat, frequently lined throughout with the fur employed for the collar.

Collars are always important-looking and generally of the shawl variety. One tweed coat seen recently was fashioned with a shawl of inverted pleats round the shoulders and large puff sleeves which were gathered at the wrist in the same manner.

Cashmere, Jersey and Tweed.

A useful canary-coloured cashmere frock was made with a bloused bodice and a finely box-pleated skirt. It had a deep yoke

VERY DAINTY.



An evening head-dress fashioned of golden Milan lace, which may be made at home by clever fingers.

It often happens that an ornamental sash is the only decoration on a simple dance frock, the charm of this idea being that the sash can be changed, and variety gained in this way with little expense. The sash may be of the same material as the frock, draped to hang below the skirt. Or perhaps bright tinsel lines the sash of the frock-material. Other gashes consist of heavily plaited beads, leathers and strips of brocade, being quite important accessories to the simple-made dance frocks.

which buttoned to the throat, besides which the only decoration was two patch pockets placed slantwise above the belt.

Jersey and tweed are most successfully combined. One alluring design was of a fringed rose tweed skirt worn under a navy jumper.

The jumpers of suits of pastel-shaded kasha are enchantingly embroidered with scattered gold motifs.

A delightful tan and white heringbone tweed walking suit included a straight tweed frock with intricate seaming on the front of the skirt.

LUXURIOUS AND LOVELY VELVET.



Transparent 'ring' velvet, in a soft dove-grey shade forms the main part of this fascinating dance frock, while the deep berthe and hem of fine silver lace constitute the sole note of trimming.

A BEAUTY LOTION.

FASHION DEMANDS NEW TREATMENT.

The latest modes show that the very décolleté back will be seen again this winter, and at the leading beauty salons special treatments are being given to make my lady's back as smooth and white as she would wish.

Strange as it may seem, the skin on one's back is seldom as soft and white as it should be, and although to be slim is necessary if one would be in the fashion, the too thin back is far from beautiful. It shows too much of the bones of the spinal column, so the beauty doctor sets to work to soften and whiten the skin and to put on just that little extra amount of flesh on the back that is necessary.

First the back is sponged with warm water, mixed with a little milk. It is then lightly dried and a good skin food smeared over it. Dipping a small pad of cotton-wool into an astringent lotion made of orange flower water and benzoin, the specialist until it has all been absorbed. The back is then sprayed with cold water for two or three minutes, dried and well rubbed with a towel to make the blood circulate. More cream is then applied, and after being wiped off a final rub is given with a piece of chamomile leather dipped in fine oatmeal.

Putting on Flesh.

Three or four of these treatments make a wonderful improvement in the skin on the back, but if it is much too thin and the bones show too plainly six or more will be required to put on the necessary amount of flesh.

When dressing for the evening liquid powder should be applied to the back, and well rubbed in, and the skin dusted over with a piece of soft chamomile leather dipped in a good complexion powder, rubbing lightly till the powder is well rubbed in and the skin has a smooth mat appearance. Applied in this way, powder will not rub off during the evening, especially if a little warm milk is applied before the liquid powder is put on and allowed to dry into the skin.

With the present vogue for woollen jumpers, which are worn with silk skirts as well as cloth skirts, it is difficult to get variety in one's choice of a silk jumper. A jumper seen recently, however, was particularly attractive. This was made from a rich quality crepe-de-chine, whose Eton collar and cuffs were finely tucked. Tucks from the shoulder seam gave more fullness in front, and three large inverted Vs were formed by tucks from the side seams. Beige was the colour of the silk used for this neat tailored jumper.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

ORANGE PYRAMIDS.

A delicious sweet, easily prepared and cooked.
Required: 2 oranges, 4 ozs. of caster sugar, the whites of 3 eggs, small shortbread biscuits.

Grate the rind of the oranges on to the sugar and work them together with a knife until well mixed. Beat the whites of the eggs to a very stiff meringue—a pinch of salt helps to stiffen the eggs. Stir in the orange sugar very lightly and fill the meringue pyramid fashion on the biscuits. Dredge with sugar, put them on a baking tin and brown lightly in a moderate oven or under a grill. Serve cold.

Note—These pyramids may be made on small rounds of short crust pastry.

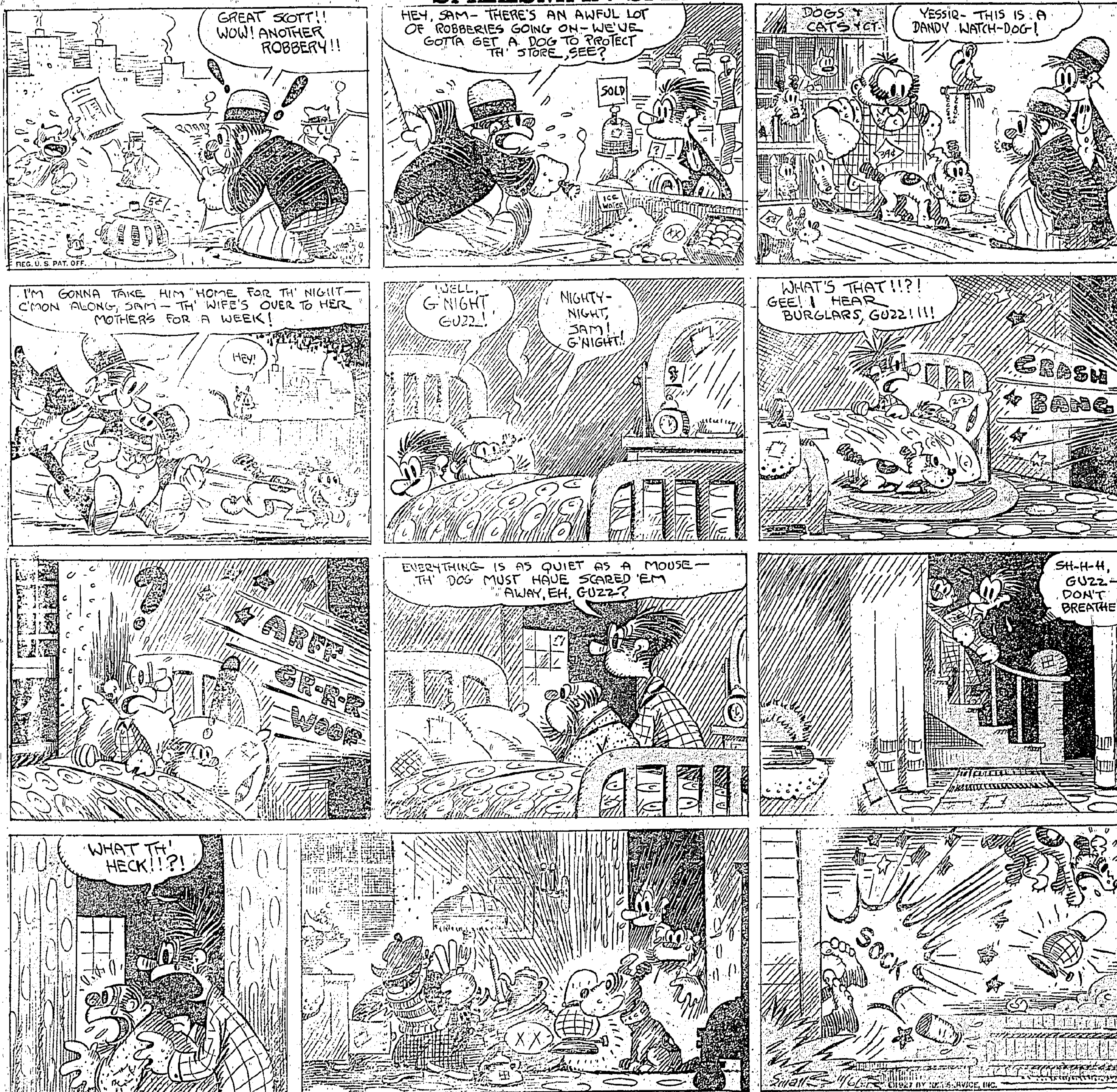
ATTRACTIVE.



One of the new printed crepes de chine, showing an unusual pattern in cherry red for the practical jumper frock sketched here. Ivory chiffon vest and red chiffon shoulder knot.



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OUR DAILY TALK ON
 HEALTH.

WRONG FOOD BRINGS ON
 AUTO-INTOXICATION.

A FAMOUS THEORY.

[By Dr. Morris Fishbein.]

Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine.

Among the many terms invariably misused by the public and not infrequently by the physician is "auto-intoxication."

Incidentally, the phrase has afforded merriment to the humorists who rely on the pun as the source of their humorous efforts.

The significance of the term lies in the belief that it is possible for a human being to suffer serious symptoms as a result of absorbing poisons developed in his own body.

These poisons develop presumably in the intestines as the result of the putrefaction of food, due to the fact that the intestinal tract is full of the wrong kind of bacteria.

Metchnikoff's Theory.

According to Metchnikoff, the celebrated Russian-French investigator, the human being comes into the world with his intestines free from germs, and harmful microbes enter promptly into his system.

It was Metchnikoff's belief that these microbes might be overcome or combated by favourable microbes that could be implanted in their place. The favourable microbes originally proposed were known as Bulgarian bacilli.

More recently it is the acidophilus organism that is urged for the purpose and preparations of milk containing this organism are to be had on prescription by physicians, at soda fountains, or directly from milk concerns.

Habits of Living.

Much of the condition known as auto-intoxication is due to the American habits of living. The patient who gets up in the morning feeling tired complains of his work as irksome apparently ages rapidly and disregards all general hygiene, is likely to feel that he is suffering from auto-intoxication.

He begins his day with a breakfast of sausage and hot wheat cakes, sometimes supplemented by steak and fried potatoes, and washes this down with several cups of strong coffee.

He sits all of the forenoon in a chair smoking anywhere from 20 to 50 cigarettes or three cigars. His elimination is poor and it is not surprising that he has a dull, listless or irritable temperament during the attempts of his overloaded intestinal tract to get rid of the accumulation.

Much of the treatment of so-called auto-intoxication involves, therefore, a proper regulation of the diet, which results chiefly in cutting down of the quantity of food taken and in the addition of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and other substances with a mildly laxative action.

LAWN TENNIS.

LOCAL CHINESE ENTERTAIN
 CANTON COLLEGE.

In reciprocation of the hospitality extended to members of the Chinese Recreation Club during the earlier part of the year, a team of tennis players from the Lingnam University (formerly the Canton Christian College) were the guests of the local tennis champions at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon when the visitors indulged in a series of games against the hosts.

Some short time ago, the Chinese Recreation Club tennis players were entertained by the staff of the Lingnam University when after some interesting matches the local men were victorious by the narrow margin of four games.

Yesterday the margin was considerably greater. The C. R. C. representatives proving superior to the visitors by 72 games to 27.

The full results were:
 Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit (Chinese R. C.), beat C. H. Ma and S. K. Ho 10-1; beat H. Y. Lo and G. W. Greene 9-2; beat A. R. Knipp and J. M. Henry 8-3.

Cheung Wing-kue and Lau Peak-ki beat Ma and Ho, 5-6; beat Lo and Greene, 9-2; beat Knipp and Henry, 5-6.
 Kwok Po-kun and Lau Man-kwong, beat Ma and Ho, 9-2; beat Lo and Greene, 8-3; beat Knipp and Henry, 9-2.

Challenge Cups Presented by American Association.

During his short stay in the Colony, Mr. G. W. Greene took the opportunity to invite local tennis players to participate in a tournament which is proposed to hold in Canton in the near future for cups presented by the American Association of South China.

There will be two events open to residents of Canton and players from Hongkong will also be admitted. The American Association have presented a cup for a singles event and another for the doubles.

Entries close on December 15 and until it has been ascertained the number of players participating it will not be known how the tournaments will be played to suit the convenience of local men.

Although it has not been definitely decided, there will be an eliminating contest among the players of the two ports should the entries warrant such a step.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

THE GARRISON LEAGUE.

The following are the results of games played during the week:

December 6.
 H. Q. 2 2nd K.O.S.B. 2 20th H. Bty. R.A. 0
 H. Q. 1 2nd K.O.S.B. 1 12th H. Bty. R.A. 1

December 8.
 B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B. 2 H. Q. 1 2nd K.O.S.B. 1
 R.A.O.C. 1 D. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B. 4
 Fixtures for Next Week.

Tuesday.—R.A.M.C. v. B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B. Referee, L/Sgt. Bunling.
 K.O.S.B. 20th H. Bty. R.A. v. C. Coy. K.O.S.B. Referee, Pte. Lamb, R.A.M.C.
 Thursday.—H.Q. 2 2nd K.O.S.B. v. H.Q. 1 2nd K.O.S.B. Referee, Pte. Blackwood, R.A.M.C. 12th H. Bty. R.A. v. B. Coy. K.O.S.B. Referee, S/Sgt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.
 All matches are at Sookunpoo, kick off at 4.15 p.m.

THE BUFFALO BILL
 TOUCH.

FILM THRILLS FOLLOWED
 BY FATALITY.

BOY SHOT BY COMPANION.

An inquest was held at Camber, west recently on Joseph Causon (16), Middle Street, Peckham, who while playing in the kitchen of a house in Summer Road, Peckham, on a recent Saturday evening with two other boys was shot dead with a revolver.

Frank Ambrose (14), one of the boys, said that on that Saturday he met Causon and another boy named Southey, and all three went to the Peckham Hippodrome, where they witnessed a performance of a film called "The Last Frontier." It was all about Buffalo Bill. There was a good deal of pistol firing during the performance, and they were all very excited and interested.

Afterwards all three went to Southey's house. They were all three in the kitchen and on friendly terms. No one else was in the house. So they went out of the room for a little while and returned with a revolver, and some war medals. The revolver was his father's and was a war relic.

He showed it to the other boys. They started playing with the pistol and witness said, "Put that thing away or there may be some trouble." Southey said, "It's all right, the safety catch is on." Southey and Causon were about four or five feet from each other.

Revolver a War Relic.

Suddenly witness heard a bang and saw a flash and Causon lay on the floor. Southey rushed out to get some water and appeared very frightened. He said: "Poor old Joe, have I hurt you." Causon never spoke a single word. There were no quarrels at any time during the evening.

Mrs. James Southey, widow, mother of Thomas Southey, said her husband served in France, and returned home wounded in 1916. He brought with him a German revolver, and some cases of cartridges as war souvenirs. They were all kept in a drawer in the bedroom which was occupied by her son Thomas and his elder brother. She never kept the drawer locked. The weapon had never been registered with the police, and she thought it was a dummy.

Thomas Southey (15) said he brought the revolver down from the bedroom when they got back from the cinema and showed it to the other boys in the kitchen. He started sliding the top of the revolver backwards and forwards, and found it would not work until the safety catch was removed. He was "just messing about." He did not know there was a live cartridge in the barrel. No one had ever taught him the use of an automatic pistol.

The jury returned a death of misadventure, and added that in their opinion it was very regrettable that Mrs. Southey did not take adequate precautions to keep the automatic pistol in safe custody when young boys were in the house.

Going home —

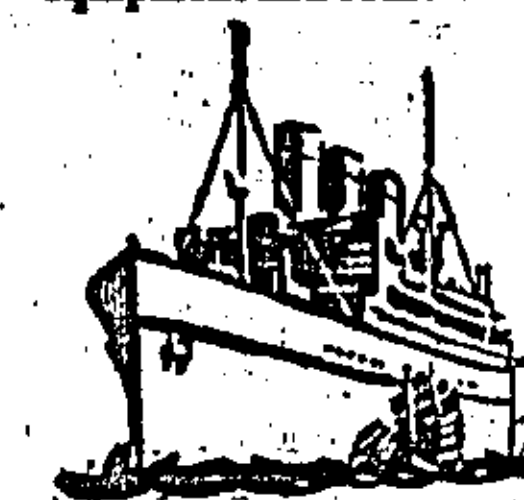
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DELTA SHOOTING.**WAISHING ATTACKED BY AN ARMED LAUNCH.**

On arrival of s.s. Waishing from Canton yesterday afternoon, a thrilling story was told by the master, Captain Alexander, of an attack made by a pirate launch in the vicinity of Amherst Point, the ship being subjected to rifle and revolver fire over two minutes, it being estimated that at least 50 rounds were fired. The ship was hit in many places, but fortunately no loss of life occurred. At about 3 p.m. on Thursday, the Waishing was proceeding down river to Hongkong, and was approaching Amherst Point, when a steam launch, painted black, closed and opened fire from rifles and revolvers. The Waishing heaved to, thinking that the launch was on official business, but when the occupants could be observed they were seen to be of the bandit type.

The master immediately put on full speed, but a more intensive fire came from the launch, with the obvious intention of disabling the navigational control. Both the master and the helmsman remained at their posts, undeterred by the flying missiles and once the Waishing had gained steering way, the launch was quickly outdistanced.

On arrival in harbour, it was seen that the lifeboats were riddled with bullets, while the funnel and the Captain's cabin had been hit by direct shots. The bridge screens also showed signs of the accuracy of the bandit's marksmanship. Other bullets hit the superstructure in the neighbourhood of the Chief Officer's cabin and deck.

It so happens that the Waishing was running in ballast, she being due for overhaul and refit at the Kowloon Dock and had the pirates made a capture, there would have been nothing found on board for their effort. The Waishing was taken to dock on arrival yesterday afternoon. An earlier report of the firing was made by s.s. Sulzang, which arrived from Canton only a short while before the Waishing.

CONTRACTOR'S WILL.**ESTATE HELD IN TRUST FOR CHILDREN.**

Chan Lam-hing, alias Chan Chun Hing, alias Chun Chak-seng, late of 70 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, who died on January 4, 1927 at that address, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$8,000. He was a building contractor and carried on business under the name of the Yee Yick firm. Probate has been granted to his widow, Chan Pun-shi, 25 Chinese Street, second floor, and Chow Nim-tong, 13 Pottinger Street, first floor.

The will directs that everything be handed over to the two executors with power to invest, to keep in trust for his three sons, aged three, six and eight, until they shall have attained the age of 21 years. The trustees are authorised to use the money or any part of it for the education and maintenance of the children.

A ROYAL VISIT.**KING OF AFGHANISTAN TO TOUR EUROPE.**

London, Dec. 9.
The King of Afghanistan, accompanied by the Queen and their Royal suite, has left Kabul for his European tour, and is expected to reach London in March.

He has been invited to stay with King George and will remain the King's guest on an official visit of three days, after which he will tour several provincial towns of interest and inspect various industrial works. He is travelling via Quetta and Karachi to Bombay where he will be received by the Viceroy, Lord Irwin.

He will then embark in the liner Rajputana for Egypt, where he will be the guest of King Fuad. First European capital to be visited will be Rome where King Amannulla will stay with the King of Italy and will meet Mussolini.

He will proceed thence to Paris as the guest of the French Republic, afterwards crossing to England. Subsequently Brussels, Berlin, and Moscow will be visited and the return to Afghanistan will probably be made via Central Asia.—British Wireless.



There's something about telephone operators that doesn't ring true.

DANZIG DISPUTE.**JURISTS MAKE REPORT TO LEAGUE COUNCIL.**

London, Dec. 9.

The Report by the two jurists, Sir Cecil Hurst of Britain and Señor Pilotti to whom the problem arising out of the administration of Danzig had been referred, was before the League of Nations Council at Geneva yesterday. Sir Austen Chamberlain urged that the award of the two jurists should be respected, pointing out that otherwise jurists of repute would be disinclined to give their opinions. The Polish delegate had indicated that the difficulties considered in the award were of a practical nature and Sir Austen Chamberlain therefore submitted they were unsuitable for decision by a judicial body.

The Polish delegate thereupon suggested that pending an examination on the spot of the practical difficulties, the jurists' award should be upheld, and it was finally decided to appoint a rapporteur to draft a formula authorising a settlement on the basis of the jurists' award.

The consideration of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute is being resumed before the Council to-day when it is expected that Marshal Pilsudski will represent Poland.—British Wireless.

A Chinese Member.

Geneva, Dec. 9.

The Council of the League of Nations has appointed Chuan Chao a member of the Advisory Economic Committee for a period of three years.—Reuter.

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A NEW GOVERNOR.**GENERAL HANZO YAMANASHI TO RULE KOREA.**

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

Despite the adverse criticism in the press the Government has decided to appoint General Hanzo Yamanashi to be Governor General of Korea in succession to Viscount Saito, resigned.—Reuter.

General Hanzo Yamanashi was Minister of War in 1921-1922. He entered the army as sub-lieutenant of infantry in 1886. He was chief of staff of the besieging army at Tsingtao during the Great War.

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Cairo, Dec. 9.

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CO STABLE HERO'S FUNERAL.



The above photographs were taken on the occasion of the funeral of the late Chinese Constable Won Wang-chi, who was shot dead by an armed robber whom he pluckily intercepted in Wednesday's shooting affair. Above is seen the catafalque at the head of the funeral procession, whilst below are police officials, following immediately after the mourners. (Photos: Welcomes Studio).

WUCHOW OUTLOOK
BETTER.BANKS REOPEN FOR
BUSINESS.

Wuchow, Dec. 9.
The tension in Wuchow, caused earlier in the week by the appearance of a large number of "Ironclads," has eased and now more Kwangsi troops have come down the river. At the same time, there is no indication of an advance by the Kwangsi forces. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who left the city on Tuesday, following the appearance of the "Ironclads," has now returned to Wuchow.

Another indication of the easier situation is that the banks have reopened for business following their closing when Kwangsi currency depreciated.—*Naval Wireless.*

FATAL MOTOR-CAR
MISHAP.

COOLIE DIES IN HOSPITAL.

A motor fatality is reported from Kowloon, the victim being a coolie who was accidentally knocked down by a car yesterday afternoon.

British marines who are returning home after duty in the North were yesterday taken around the New Territories in motor-cars, and it was whilst one of these parties was returning that the accident occurred.

A car containing a number of these marines was passing Mongkok Police Station at about 5.30 when a coolie ran out from the verandah and was struck by the rear side lamp and mudguard of the vehicle. He was knocked down and received severe injuries. Later, the coolie was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where he passed away at 6.40 a.m. to-day.

HORSEWOMAN FINED.

CONSTABLE'S STORY OF
THREAT.

Edith Chapman, the proprietress of a riding school, living at 53, Oxford-terrace, Hyde Park, W., was at Marylebone Police Court fined 20s. for riding her horse to the common danger at Bayswater-road.

P. C. Richards said that, while he was on duty outside Victoria Gate, Bayswater-road, and holding up the traffic going north and south from and to the park, Chapman, on horseback, came out of the park, causing an omnibus to swerve towards the park gates. He shouted to her to stop and put out both his arms. She only put her heels to the horse and urged it forward, shouting, "Get out of the way or I shall be over you." I am not going to stop for you.

The horse jumped forward, causing him to spring back in front of an omnibus. The driver pulled up sharply and avoided him. She continued to the other side of the road, and he again

THE U.S. MERCHANT
MARINE.LAGS BEHIND OTHER
NATIONS.

Washington, Dec. 4.
For every first class merchant ship built in the United States since 1921, Great Britain has built 11 Germany 12, Italy 5, and France and Japan approximately 4 each, says the annual report of the Shipping Board, made public here to-day.

The report also showed that the board's operating loss during the year ending June 30 was \$16,000,000, against \$39,000,000 in the previous year. The United States Line, which is operated by the board, showed a profit of \$371,000.

The board, at the end of the year, possessed 300 ships, of which 307 were in active operation, and 516 laid up. Since 1921 it has sold to American citizens 1,134 ships, representing 4,993,346 tons, of \$24,411,029.90. The sale of these vessels included nine established ship lines. The services were sold on the basis of a guaranteed operation for a fixed number of years.

The report said that if congress wants the merchant marine turned over to private ownership immediately, a Government subsidy will be required.

NORTHERN MILITARY
OPERATIONS.HSUCHOW STILL HOLDING
OUT.

Peking, Dec. 9.
Independent reports from Chinese and British sources state that Hsuehchow is still held by the Northerners although more than once it has been on the point of capitulation.

Foreign messages state that when Chang Chung-chang was in a critical position and attacked from both west and south, Sun Chuan-fang turned up unexpectedly from the region of Tsinghsanpu and devastated the Nationalists' right flank, enabling Chang Chung-chang to throw his whole weight successfully against the Kuomintang.

Sun Chuan-fang, who recently went to Tchchow is now remaining at Hsuehchow co-operating with Chang Chung-chang. Chang Tso-lin has instructed Wu Chun-sheng, the tungan of Hsuehchow, to send 30,000 men to Shantung to make up the recent Chihli-Shantung losses.—*Reuter.*

shouted to her to stop. She did so. When he asked her for her name and address she tried to ride the horse over him.

Chapman said that she had a young and restless horse and had she obeyed the constable's signal she would have had a serious fall. She had not the slightest intention to ride the constable down and never said that she would.

Mr. Bingley, the magistrate, said he thought Chapman's conduct horribly dangerous.

THE SEARCH FOR CAPT.
LALOR.DEFINITE HITCH IN
ARRANGEMENTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.
A message from Ichang shows that there is a definite hitch in the arrangements for the release of Capt. W. G. Lalor.

Mr. Forbes Tocher, the Scottish missionary who is acting as intermediary, proceeded in a launch to the agreed rendezvous only to find on arrival that Capt. Lalor was not being produced, and that the bandits had again removed their captive, this time further inland, with indications that they intend to hold out for more money.

Messages left by Mr. Tocher suggest that he does not think Capt. Lalor has been, or will be, ill-treated.

No naval escort accompanied Mr. Tocher to the appointed rendezvous. His only companions were Chinese intermediary agents.—*Reuter.*

The local naval authorities have as yet received no further information concerning Captain Lalor's whereabouts.

TWO STEAMERS RUN
ASHORE.RESCUES OFF CAPE
HATTERAS.

Norfolk, Va., 4.
Twenty-four men, the members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Cibao, aground off Cape Hatteras, were rescued to-day by lifesavers.

The same number of seamen were saved from the Greek tanker Paraguy which was aground north of Kitty Hawk, N. C. The ship was deliberately run aground after it had sprung a bad leak at sea. Four members of the crew were washed overboard and lost. Before running for shore the ship sent out a distress signal, and at the time the rescue was taking place other ships were searching the sea in an effort to find the stricken vessel.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Nottinghamshire villagers famous in fifteenth century literature for their foolish feuds. 2. A system which aims at securing true representation by a transfer of superfluous votes. 3. Epic of Indian history 2,600 B. C. The title means "The Great Bharata in nation." 4. The starling, which spreads a disease analogous to appendicitis. 5. That it consists of material particles consisting of localized wave systems. 6. Mount Vernon, Virginia. Westminster Abbey; St. Paul's Cathedral. 7. Historic church in the Fen country where square church towers are called "stumps." 8. (a) 22, (b) 28, (c) approximately 1,400. 9. List prepared by the persons to be excluded for offences against public order. 10. The Great Fire of London. 11. Nothing; the term comes from an obsolete use of the word "trade," which simply meant "direction." 12. An official, appointed by Edward III, who had the exclusive right of giving English money for foreign.

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